



This Great Victory

By H. W. LOWE

THERE were a number of reasons why we elected to attempt an Ingathering campaign within the compass of one month.

For instance, our licence as a recognized charitable organization still required local police permission as to dates for our collections, and they are used to collections lasting from a day to a week only.

Then we have felt for long, that our missions' campaign often dragged out for six months or more to the detriment of other interests and, be it confessed, to the weariness of our workers and members.

Altogether it seemed good (to some of us, too good to be true) to aim at a Month for Missions.

Our veteran Union department leader, Pastor J. Harker, together with his worthy lieutenants, Pastors E. R. Warland and B. E. Sparrow, went to organizing with a will. Somehow they communicated their zeal to local agents, church leaders, conference workers, churchmembers, and when May 1st came the whole organization was galvanized into zealous activity from top to bottom.

Every day for twenty-two days £500 came rolling along. Within the thirty-one days of May we had gone beyond our goal of £12,000 and had actually reached £17,000. At the time of writing, each of the five fields has reached its goal, and all have gone beyond last year's figures. It looks as though our Union per capita will be about £2. 15s. 0d.

All this means we have raised the largest amount in the shortest

time in our already illustrious Ingathering career. It is doubtful if this accomplishment has been equalled anywhere in the world.

Our institutions have shared in the glory of this task. I have before me a list showing that in one institution where a large number took part in door-to-door work, the per capita collection was £4. 16s. 3d. Our College students shared in the spoils of victory during three record days which brought in the handsome sum of nearly £600 for missions.

Our heartfelt thanks are due to God who has given us this great victory. Also we owe an expression of deep appreciation to the organization leaders in the local conferences and churches. Every one has worked well, and it has been a wonderful victory under God's guidance.

Having raised this magnificent sum for missions, we must not let the matter rest there. We must recall that "the members of our churches in the home field should carry on their hearts the burden

for the work in regions beyond."—*"Gospel Workers,"* page 465.

Our burden must mean more than money. It is fundamental in our work that a home base must, for its own permanent strength, be willing to give of its best men for work afar. It means also an enduring prayer interest in foreign work. A conference, a church, an individual, not indissolubly linked with our universal mission programme, soon grows weak and ultimately withers up spiritually.

Foreign mission work is just evangelism over the borders of our local vision. A person with evangelistic fervour is concerned first with the fact, and afterward with the geography of soul-saving.

During our Ingathering calls we came upon some people who could well be followed up. Have all their names been passed in to some worker or office for continued contact? Every Ingathering campaign can become soul-winning in this way.

If now we sing the new song of victory, let us never forget that true victory is the continuous revelation of God's salvation before the world. (Psa. 98:1, 2.) That salvation comes to an unbelieving world in many forms, but it almost always comes through the personality or the soulful activity of some person already thrilled by the touch of divine grace. It is in God's skilful design that "the principles revealed through His people should be the means of restoring the moral image of God in man."—*"Christ's Object Lessons,"* page 286.

Missions Extension Day

this year will be

Sabbath, July 3rd

Notes from the Union President

THE LITERATURE MINISTRY

COMPARISONS, especially under war conditions, are not always helpful, but sometimes they serve to show that the small things under our eyes are not so small when viewed from a distance. For instance, the world colporteur summary just to hand shows that during 1942 we had in this Union an average of sixty colporteurs who put in 74,670 hours of work and delivered literature to the value of \$116,155. The North Pacific Union had an average of seventy-six colporteurs who worked 53,611 hours and delivered \$72,995 worth of literature. In big orders that is a good comparison from our point of view, though it is fair to add (the Pacific Press is in the North Pacific Union!), that our magazine sales are negligible under paper rationing, whereas the North Pacific Union sold magazines to the value of \$10,300. Other comparable Unions in different parts of the world are not selling any more literature than we were before rationing. The South Western Union in North America had sixty-one colporteurs in 1942 and made deliveries worth \$77,500. Altogether the Lord seems to be multiplying our decreased supplies of paper like the widow's cruse of oil.

FORWARD UNDER DIFFICULTIES

THIS war has thrust upon the denomination conditions which it seldom faced in the last war. For instance, much work has to be done by cablegram, but rigid censorship conditions in America have made it necessary for the brethren to supply names of people in different parts of the world from whom they may expect cables and to whom they may have to send them.

Pastor W. E. Read writes to say that in the Carribean Union they can no longer hold biennial Union Conference sessions, and are driven to holding local conventions in each field, for the duration of the war. These conditions are coming in many parts, even in the new world.

The isolation caused by war throws the work and workers in many lands too much inward upon themselves. Isolation becomes insulation if we are not careful.

We should remember these things at the throne of grace, because now more than ever we must believe that "prayer changes things."

MISSIONARY MOVEMENTS

C. H. MACKETT, a British missionary in India, has been appointed secretary-treasurer to the Arabic Union, and hopes to travel to his appointment by air.

INGATHERING

ELSEWHERE we report the wonderful success of our 1943 Missions Campaign, but perhaps we should here mention that owing to the extreme difficulty in obtaining new supplies, every piece of unused equipment, particularly canisters, should be handed back to the appropriate quarters.

Under the inspiration that comes to us from the success of this campaign, let us bring to God the glory of continued service, as we seek souls among the public for His kingdom. There must be an immense amount of Ingathering follow-up work that should bring people into the truth throughout this country.

REQUEST

THERE is an opening for an Adventist who would like to share a good refined home with an elderly Adventist lady in return for services. Inquiries should come through the Union office.

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Watford's Victory Campaign

WE had been doing well in the Ingathering Campaign, and as we neared our respective aims the expectancy reached fever heat. Wat-

ford Town was out to get a double goal and the conference brethren had said that it would be grand if the Watford churches could raise £1,000 between them. Stanborough Park's goal was £700, but Brother Lethbridge, the Home Missionary leader, had urged that we should be able to reach £1,000 independently.

On Sabbath, May 29th, with only two more days of the campaign to go, Watford Town was within sight of its high goal, while Stanborough Park had £770. Could we do it? Only four weeks, and a higher figure than had ever been reached before! Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could!

The secrets were well kept, and when the members of the two churches gathered for the special Thanksgiving Service at Stanborough Park on Wednesday, June 2nd, the charts still showed only blank spaces where we had been accustomed to seeing the amount to date—so we waited.

The opening hymn and prayer over, the Male Choir sang to us and Pastor King gave a welcome to all present.

But what are the figures? Ah! here is Brother Cook, the Watford Town leader. In a very short while he discloses the fact that Watford Town has reached its objective—a double goal of £4 per member! A fine achievement, Watford! Brother Cook goes on to tell of some of the experiences of the Watford members and how the children refused to be left out. They ran errands and did odd jobs so that funds could be brought in. Yes, they really worked with a will, these Watford folk.

Now Brother Lethbridge is on his feet! He begins to review the steps of the campaign. Is there a note of disappointment in his voice? No! He suddenly bursts into smiles and hangs on the chart a set of figures taller than any others on view. They deserve to be, too. One thousand—not pounds—but guineas! £1,050!

Brother Lethbridge leads us in the Doxology, and we have never sung it with more feeling. Surely a song of experience. Two churches in one town have raised £1,300 in the fourth year of war and in the shortest campaign on

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record. This is indeed a Thanksgiving Service.

Brother Lethbridge tells us that the £1,000 has been reached, not by reason of any specially large gift or gifts, but because the people took hold of the job with a will, and, in the last two days, collected over £250. He was proud to be associated with such a wonderful body of people in this great accomplishment, and paid tribute to the fine work of Brethren W. G. Baldry and J. A. Clement, whose assistance had been invaluable in the work of organization.

Pastor E. R. Warland spoke on behalf of the South England Conference and Pastor J. Harker for the British Union. We were told that all the figures were going beyond last year and that this promised to be the best campaign ever. This, said Pastor Harker, especially befits "the twenty-first birthday" of the "Little Red Box."

Pastor G. D. King, sounding the devotional note, read Psalm 117, and declared that this kind of campaign gave us all confidence in the people of God and in this wonderful message.

After a short season of prayer, the Male Choir rendered an appropriate item, "I Will Give Thanks," and then we all sang, "Onward, Christian Soldiers," expressing our resolve that this was only a stage in our onward march to achieve things for God.

"Lift up your heart, lift up your voice,
Rejoice; again I say, Rejoice!"

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A Busy Month in Birmingham

THE month of May will long be remembered by the workers and churchmembers in this district. Something evangelistic and encouraging was happening every day, although we are now in the fourth year of the war with all the difficulties and restrictions

that war brings. We could see God's hand overruling in so many ways that we were reminded again and again of the old favourite hymn:

"The God that lived in Daniel's time,
Is just the same to-day,
Just the same to-day."

THE BAPTISM

On Sabbath the first day of May, we had our first baptismal service, the result of the Central campaign, which we have conducted in this great midland town. The damage to many churches in the city compelled us to use the Church of Christ about four miles from the centre. There, in the midst of beautiful surroundings, but with limited seating accommodation for the many friends and members who came to witness the service, we were led to think of the baptisms conducted by John the Baptist 1,900 years ago. One elderly sister had always desired to be baptized in a river, and our service on May 1st came as near to that as it was possible in a city. The church officers had never seen such a baptism in their little church before. They told us that over one hundred people stood for two hours, all the available chairs having been taken. It was one of the best baptismal services we have experienced, a wonderful spirit was manifest, and a number of the interested people as a result of this good service decided that day to go forward in the next baptism.

Nothing cheers the evangelist and the workers more than an experience of this kind, and for the twenty-five men and women who took part in this first baptism we give God the glory.

INGATHERING

On Sunday, the second day of May, we launched our Ingathering campaign still as evangelists, but this time our eyes were centred on the men and women in foreign lands. We had a large goal before us, £1,000 in the month of May for missions in the Greater Birmingham District was our slogan — £500 for the churches, and £500 for the College. On May 4th the College had gone beyond its goal, and by the twenty-fourth we had reached the £1,000. It now looks as

though we shall exceed £1,300 in thirty days. Many of the new members took an active part in the campaign; one raised almost twenty pounds.

A NEW CHURCH

In the midst of all the busy activities connected with a baptism and Ingathering work, a property became available in the centre which we leased and made suitable as a church home for the new people. Almost £100 was spent in decorations and alterations, and between three and four times this amount on chairs and equipment. On May 29th Pastor R. S. Joyce, the president of the conference, was with us again, and we had an unusually good weekend.

Brother Fitcher, a teacher from the College, conducted the Friday night service, his subject being "The Challenge of Youth." Pastor G. W. Baird conducted our first Sabbath morning Sabbath-school at 10 a.m., and Pastor Joyce preached at 11.15, his subject being "The Church God's Greatest Treasure on Earth." At 3 p.m. a new company of thirty members was organized, which we believe will be a centre from which light and happiness will radiate to all around, and our prayer is that many men and women may be drawn from darkness into His marvellous light. At all these services our new church was filled, and at the Sabbath afternoon organization service some were not able to be accommodated owing to lack of room.

The address of the new church is: Advent Church, 176 Broad Street, Birmingham.

THE CHURCH EQUIPMENT

The wonderful way in which we got our chairs, communion table, pulpit, curtains, bookcase, organ, carpets, and everything that we required to make the church of God all that it should be is marvellous in our eyes. When we thanked all who had so generously helped, we were told again and again it was all being done for God, and so to Him we give all the praise.

EVANGELISM AMONG CHILDREN NOT OF OUR FAITH

A new Sunday-school with a regular attendance of about thirty

has been established in the Handsworth church. These children are being taught our message, and it is amazing how much they know of our doctrines already. A word of appreciation is due to Brother G. Bryan, superintendent, and Sisters Brearley, Jones, Lees, and Reece, for the faithful work that they have done as teachers with these children not of our faith in the Handsworth district during the past twelve months. Some day they will see results for their labours for the promise is: "So shall My Word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

A NEW SABBATH-SCHOOL

On the first Sabbath afternoon of this year 1943 we commenced our Sabbath-school for the new people, using fifty Sabbath-school pamphlets. At the end of the first quarter, after paying all expenses in hall rent, etc., we had raised £25 in our mission offerings.

Birmingham covers a very large area, almost three times that of the city of Glasgow with a similar population, and because of this it lends itself to a number of churches in much the same way as London. We look forward to the time when other new churches will be established in some of the great suburbs of this city where our message has not yet been proclaimed.

We extend a very warm welcome to Brother F. Edwards as he takes the oversight of the work in this large district, while at the same time devoting the majority of his time to the most important work in the world—that of evangelism.

L. MURDOCH,
P. STEARMAN.
E. ADAIR.

Wedding Bells

LYONS-HULL.—On May 10, 1943, in the Plymouth church, Sister Iris Hull of Plymouth and Brother Lyons of the Reading church were united in marriage, the ceremony being conducted by the writer. In spite of very heavy showers, quite a good number of church-members and friends gathered to

witness the ceremony and to extend good wishes to the bride and bridegroom.

We pray that the Lord will richly bless them as they go forward through life together, and that their union may make them stronger to serve Him and witness for His truth.

F. J. WILMSHURST.

OHMAN-ABBOTT.—The Kettering church building was recently registered for marriages, and on Thursday, May 23, 1943, the first wedding took place, when Sister Agnes Mary Abbott and Brother Karl Lennart Ohman were united in marriage. The bride has just completed her studies at Newbold College, while the bridegroom graduated a year ago. Brother Ohman who hails from Sweden is now engaged in the colporteur work.

The service was conducted by Pastor W. M. Lennox, assisted by Brother M. B. Musgrave. The church was suitably prepared for the occasion, and a good number of members and friends were present to send the happy couple on their way.

We wish them much happiness and pray that God will abundantly bless them in their future life together.

M. L. FELLOWES, *Church Clerk.*

DIBBLE-MCCROW. — On Sunday, June 6, 1943, in the Stanborough Park church, Watford, Miss Olive McCrow, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. H. W. McCrow, was united in marriage to Mr. Alexander Redecen-Dibble of Torquay. A large company of relatives and friends witnessed the ceremony, which was conducted by the writer, assisted by Pastor W. H. Meredith.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the Assembly Hall of the Stanborough Press.

Miss McCrow spent a considerable time in institutional work at Watford, before going to Newbold College, where Mr. Dibble has also been studying for some years.

The good wishes and prayers of all go with them as they continue their College studies. May every blessing be theirs in their new life together and in their united service for the Master.

W. L. EMMERSON.

WANTED, cottage, unfurnished rooms, or part of house, in country district. Write: Miss A. Aylward, Rookley, I.O.W.

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UNTIL THE DAY BREAK

EVERETT.—Brother Everett passed away at the Clayton Hospital, Wakefield, on Thursday, May 28, 1943, after a short illness. Seven years ago our brother came in contact with the message through Pastors E. E. Craven and J. McMillan. Since that time he had been a faithful member. A short service was conducted by Pastor J. W. Cannon. Our departed brother now awaits the call of the Life-giver, and we look forward to meeting him in the kingdom. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his sorrowing wife and family.
CHURCH CLERK.

BOWIE.—"And He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." At least one of God's elect lies in the beautiful Boscombe Cemetery, a victim of the latest raid on Bournemouth. Sister Mrs. Catherine Bowie was a true and loving disciple of the Master. Late in life, at the age of seventy-three, she came into definite touch with the Advent people. In March of this year it was our privilege to baptize her into the faith to which we owe our allegiance. All too short has been the time of her association with this movement. But that association was precious to her. It was on Sunday, May 23rd, that the raiders came. Our dear sister was among the badly injured, and was taken to hospital. The next day, while searching for others, we found her there. We were able to have just a little word with her before she passed away. We know she is safe in the arms of Jesus. The funeral service was conducted by a Church of England clergyman, the congregation being made up of a few relatives, and the pastor and members of the church of which she had so recently become a member. We pray for those who mourn, that they, too, may be led to give their hearts to God, and find peace and joy in fellowship with the Advent people.
F. A. SPEARING.

Mrs. CRISP and Mrs. Knight, the daughters of the late Brother and Sister F. Casson of Wellingborough, wish to thank all friends for kind letters expressing sympathy in their recent double bereavement.

WANTED.—Middle-aged lady for light housework and plain cooking in Adventist family. Live in. Apply: J.H.P., 780 St. Albans Road, Watford, Herts.

WANTED, skilled repairer for boot trade. Write: S. Griffen, 6 Whitworth Road, Southampton.

SUNSET CALENDAR

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