

BRITISH ADVENT MESSENGER

The Year's Most Joyous Event

DURING the next few weeks the minds of Adventists in Britain will be continually turning to Ingathering. It is the one big missions event of the year. Once more collecting must become our meat and drink if we are to maintain our Ingathering traditions.

For the past twenty-eight years we have been privileged to gather funds from the public at an average rate of £9,000 a year. Last year's total was almost £20,000. The grand total for the British Union is now £250,000. These figures speak well for the faithfulness of our members everywhere. Now, in this momentous year, God has been pleased to enable us to plan for another campaign, and we look forward to even better results as we move on in faith.

Perhaps the first thing we should become impressed with is the importance of a prompt start at the right time. To secure this it has been agreed that our first collecting day shall be Sunday, April 30th instead of May 1st. Then we shall continue through the whole of May, and stop. We appeal to every member to collect on April 30th if at all possible. We have visions of at least 3,000 collectors getting rid of their Ingathering shivers on the first Sunday

By J. Harker

and bringing in as many pounds for their labour. Yes, we must start well.

Then, how shall we do the work? If success comes it will be because we have worked in faith. We need incentive. This, God supplies in the consciousness that we are providing funds vital to the advancement of His cause in fields afar. Think often of the missionaries: those from our own field and others. Remember Brother McClements in Nigeria. Brother Spencer Maxwell in Nyasaland, Dr. G. A. S. Madgwick in South Africa, Brother Gilbert Lewis in Uganda, Brother Fred Thomas in Tanganyika, Dr. H. E. Hargreaves in Iran, Brother F. L. Stokes in the Gold Coast.

Think of the Hyde brothers—John, William, and Conrad, Brethren L. Edmonds, R. Carey, J. Clifford, T. Fielding, C. T. Bannister, S. W. Beardsell, M. C. Murdoch, G. A. Keough, H. Robson, W. C. S. Raitt, W. G. Till, as well as the faithful wives of all these missionaries. Then there is Miss G. Clarke, Miss M. Morgan, Miss C. Schuil, and more recently Brother and Sister Normington from Watford, also Brother and Sister Farrow. Others are waiting to go. Mrs. Stanley Bull waits to join her husband in Jamaica. Dr. Essery and family are booked for the Middle East. Let's think of them all and pray for them.

Think, too, of some of our veteran workers. There are Brother and Sister W. H. Anderson in Central Africa. Brother Anderson left the U.S.A. in 1895 for Matabeleland, our first foreign mission station. This is forty-nine years ago. He and his wife are still working, hoping to complete at least fifty years of mission service. Brother Anderson wrote a few years ago, that, looking over South and Central Africa he could see 1,000 believers for every year that had passed since he entered the field so many years ago.

We shall also find



Pastor and Mrs. Anderson, veteran missionaries who have given nearly fifty years of service in Africa.

inspiration for our efforts in remembering the urgent spiritual needs of people we shall meet. To pray in sincerity, day by day, that God will lead us to those whom we can help, and perhaps win over to His cause, is to ensure for ourselves just that guidance and wisdom which will make our Ingathering this year a blessed and successful experience.

It is said that William Carey, face to face with the unevangelized missions of India, exclaimed: "What is there in the whole world worth the living for but the glory of God and the salvation of souls."

We pray that a measure at least, of the same passion for souls that possessed the "Father of Modern Missions" may inspire us all to a degree of diligence and faithfulness never seen before.

Notes from the Union President

DAY OF PRAYER, APRIL 29TH.

A CALL for a day of prayer is being issued by the Archbishop of Canterbury. We have surely reached the place where something tremendous must happen. To us the war is a satanic device aimed at defeating God's purpose to enlighten the world before the Saviour comes. It is seriously complicating our work in many lands. Some countries are to-day completely deprived of the liberty to worship God freely. Our missionaries are unable to get their furloughs among their loved ones, and some are breaking in health. Nor can we freely send them the help they so much need. At home, parts of the country are so disturbed by war preparations that evangelism on any large scale is almost impossible.

The moral situation inevitable under war conditions is appalling. Even in our work we see too many people succumb to the downward moral and spiritual tide.

"While the world is progressing in wickedness, none of us need flatter ourselves that we shall have no difficulties. But it is these very difficulties that bring us into the

audience chamber of the Most High . . . and our heavenly Father is moved by our supplications."—*"Christ's Object Lessons,"* page 172.

Sabbath, April 29th, is the day we are asking our people to set aside for special public and private prayer. Let us seek God for relief for His people, for conditions that will allow men to hear the Gospel, and for the Holy Spirit's power upon the work of the church.

INGATHERING AGAIN

THE British Union never thinks in any other terms than success in its annual missions campaign.

It is of God's good providence that the fifth year of war finds us with enough paper to issue our magazine and leaflet. We also have our legal permit, even though dates may have to be varied in some cities.

We shall surely not come behind last year's splendid achievement, especially as this is Centenary Year in our world work. May it be to each of us a privilege to serve, a joy to achieve, and, to many earnest people the coming of the light of truth.

H. W. LOWE.

Newbold College

Prayer and Progress

ALL those who have attended Newbold Missionary College will agree that time seems to pass so much more quickly there than anywhere else. To the students it seemed that the second term of the school year had scarcely begun when half-term examinations were announced. This ordeal successfully passed, we looked for the next important event of the year. "Oh, yes," we thought, "the Week of Prayer follows quite soon. It will be good to have a visitor with us." The days continued to hurry along, until the evening of March 17th arrived, and we wondered what lay in store. No doubt this would be "just another Week of Prayer."

"Holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." These words, spoken by Dr. E. G.

Essery, quickly shook us out of our complacency. As we heard them again and again during the following days, we came to realize that perfection must be reached if we are to see the Lord. We learned, too, that we cannot obtain holiness in our own strength.

With the desire to learn more of this holiness, and our own need, faculty, students, and friends assembled in the College chapel each morning and evening as Dr. Essery continued the study of how to make an intelligent fight for character. In order to gain the greatest benefit from the talks, we knelt each evening while many short and heartfelt prayers ascended to God, asking for His presence with us. After the morning talks we went to our prayer bands. There we gained strength to wrestle with and overcome Satan, and he must have realized that he was fast losing his hold on a large number of us.

The body, the mind, and the spiritual nature are very closely connected, so that holiness of character demands purity of body. At the beginning of the week, Dr. Essery made clear the necessity of observing the rules of health. We need to understand fully the meaning of true health reform—it is not merely the abstinence from one or two harmful things; it involves much more. Those who expect to meet Jesus will prepare themselves by keeping their bodies in such a condition as to enable them to serve God to the fullest extent.

In dealing with this important question, Dr. Essery made it quite clear that we are not to regard health reform as a fetish—something which we can do, thereby gaining credit with God. Emphasis was laid continually on the fact that righteousness is by faith in Jesus Christ. To many of us, health reform now appeared in a new light, not as something which would deprive us of enjoyment, but as an aid to sanctification, and we determined to follow that light and seek still further.

Having learned how to become pure in body, the next consideration was holiness of mind. The things which we see, hear, and read, impinge on the mind. How

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great then, is the necessity of keeping the mind occupied with good things. We are exhorted: "Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind."

By obedience to God's Word our minds are renewed. If we store our minds with good things, we will be strengthened as we draw upon them in time of trial and temptation. As we choose only the best literature, avoid impure sights, and entertain only clean, pure thoughts, we will the more easily come to know Jesus. "Nothing will suffice save a living knowledge of Jesus," and this knowledge may be ours.

Dr. Essery was eager that everyone should know Jesus personally. He invited all who had problems to go and talk with him, and thus many of us gained fresh courage to enable us to leave the old life behind, and start afresh with Jesus beside us. Past mistakes were acknowledged, and the desire of each one, though he be the chief of sinners, was to accept the righteousness of Jesus, believing these words to be true:

"Reconciled by His death on the cross,
Justified by His life pure and clean,
Sanctified by obeying His Word,
Glorified when returneth my Lord."

During the week Pastor R. S. Joyce visited the College, and he spoke to us of the wonderful hope of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church in the very soon coming of Jesus. This solemn message impressed us with the necessity of choosing now the way we would take. "To-day is the day of salvation," and it is dangerous to put off making our decision. Pastor Joyce expressed the hope that, before the end of the week, those young people who as yet were not baptized, would decide to give themselves wholly to God to be used in His service.

This desire was fully realized when the evening of March 24th arrived. The presence of God was felt in the very atmosphere of the College chapel. We had been looking forward to this time throughout the week, and any barriers which might still exist were broken down as Mr. E. E. White

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brought still another message appropriate to the studies of the week.

Then came the final appeal by Dr. Essery, impressing us again with the truths he had emphasized on the previous days. Words were inadequate to express all that was in our hearts, but more than one hundred voices made known the power of God in their lives during the week, praising Him for new hope, and thanking Him for victories gained over besetments. The greatest joy was felt as we witnessed the younger ones among us give themselves to Christ and express the desire to be baptized and enter into a fuller life of service.

This Week of Prayer has not been "just an ordinary one;" it has truly made a difference in our lives, and we are ready to go forward with Christ's help, resolved to stand firm for Him, at last to attain that holiness, and thus be ready to meet the Lord.

PHYLLIS M. McCLEMENTS.

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Notes from the President

By the time these notes appear we shall all be making our final preparations and resolutions for the 1944 Ingathering Campaign. Here in South England we are planning on big things, and expecting big things.

Remember these facts:

In 1943 our final figure was £9,081, which was about half the Union total. A Union record figure depends on South England's sustained support.

1944 is our Centenary Year. It should therefore be our Victory Year for Ingathering. An early start is more than ever essential in South England.

Great invasion events are pending, and our Ingathering plans may be disrupted. Therefore start as soon as you can, thus making sure of your full contribution.

Do not depend on someone else to do your share; others are pos-

sibly depending on you! This is our great opportunity to use the privileged liberty which is still ours after five years of warfare.

Above all, remember that this is an honoured service for God and His cause and your loyalty can be measured by the extent of your service.

"Make it More in Forty-Four" is a grand slogan for us in South England as we go forward in these intense but interesting days.

TITHE INCOME

WE are glad to report a most encouraging gain in tithe income for the first quarter of 1944, the increase being £825 over the first quarter of 1943. Faithfulness in tithes and offerings means increased fruitfulness at home and in missions overseas. Are you doing your part by returning to the Lord that which is His and by liberal gifts to the free-will offerings?

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGNS

By courageous confidence the flag of public evangelism is being kept flying in South England. Pastor L. D. Vince has had excellent meetings at the commencement of his Croydon campaign. The Civic Hall is the best-known hall in Croydon, and the 600 non-members attending reveal a lively interest. A happy feature of this campaign is that we have now, after many years, secured a permanent home for the Croydon church. The Woodside Methodist Mission is coming into our possession at a most reasonable price, and this should mean a great deal to the establishment of a strong church in the Croydon area. Other evangelistic campaigns are making encouraging progress and we are hopeful that this will be a banner year for evangelism throughout our territory.

G. D. KING.

After Ten Years

TEN years ago a young American was handed a book to read. The name of the book? *Christ's Object Lessons*, by Mrs. E. G. White. It made a deep impression upon him, and he resolved to get other books by the same author. The address of the publishers appeared inside the cover, so the

young man wrote asking if he could be supplied with several of Mrs. White's works. Alas! the publishers did not receive that order! They had moved their plant, and no one seemed to know where. It was not until about a year ago that the same inquirer, now a soldier in the United States Army, came into close touch with Seventh-Day Adventists, and at last obtained the books he needed—forty dollars' worth! On his way to England he studied the truth with some of his comrades, members of the Advent church, and two weeks ago, after further studies, he was baptized into the faith. We believe he will prove a faithful and loyal soldier for the King of kings.

F. A. SPEARING.

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An Evangelistic Problem

"BUT where are the houses?" This was the question asked by the "billers" here in Stonehouse where we are running a campaign. It was a very difficult question to answer, for few houses could be seen.

"Madam," a man said to our Bible-worker, "you are a born optimist if you think you will get SIX people at your mission." (Miss Powell had mentioned a hundred to him.)

Well, we were unable to get a hall in any of the towns in our district, so we started in this country village, four miles from Stroud, where we have a growing company.

The opening meeting saw the hall full, with over a hundred people attending. Where did the people come from? Some came a distance of twelve miles and more to hear the message. It seems nothing to the country people here to walk three and four miles to the meetings. Thus far the attendance of the first night has kept up. You will pray for us in this difficult position in the vineyard, won't you?

I. MACGOUGAN.

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Cradle Roll Service at Stanborough Park

FOR many weeks we, the Primary Division at Stanborough Park, had been looking forward to this great and unprecedented

event. The children were eager and excited; we older ones thought of the weather, and I, a mother, wondered—oh, so many things—would the babies be quite well? would they take their food in time? Certainly I had seen many of them during the week, all looking the picture of health, but one never knows with babies!

Sabbath, March 25th proved to be a real spring day, and our hearts were thankful that God had given us such a day. The Stanborough Press chapel, where the Primary Division meets for its Sabbath-school was appropriately decorated with the heralds of spring—primroses, crocuses, daffodils, forsythia, palm and "pussy" willows.

During the first part of the Sabbath-school, there was an air of suppressed excitement, partly due to the taking up of the Thirteenth Sabbath collection, which amounted to £5. 15s., but eyes straying to the clock told the real reason. At last it was 10.40 a.m., and while fifty children with their teachers were singing, "I'm H-a-p-p-y"—a chorus which truly voiced their sentiments, the mothers (and some fathers, too) with their babies arrived and we were ready to commence our short but impressive Cradle Roll service.

We sang the first verse of that well-known h y m n, "When mothers of Salem," and Pastor King asked God's blessing on our service. Six girls next sang so sweetly that pretty lullaby, "Sleep, baby sleep, Our Father loves His Sheep." You would have loved to have been with us for the next item. Six girls each held a baby, two held baby sisters, and one a baby brother, one a cousin, and the other two held babies borrowed for the occasion. They looked so proud, yet so reverent, as they in turn recited a verse. These were the words said by the youngest, a little six-year-old, as she held her baby sister:

"Baby, little baby, sweet and small and weak,
We are praying for you, since you cannot speak."

I do wish you could have seen our Cradle Roll; we were all thrilled with it. Mr. C. Meredith painted it for us. It portrayed

Baby Jesus in a cradle, with little tots walking along the flower-strewn path, all eager to see Him. Angels were showing them the way. And on the roll were the names of our babies, twenty in all, the oldest, twenty-one months, down to our latest arrival, six weeks old. As each name was read out, the mother stood and held up her baby. Such lovely babies, so happy; not a cry, not a whimper!

We must not forget the little five-year-old who told us in his recitation he was growing very quickly, and he wanted to be God's little man.

And so came to a close this very appealing service. We, too, pray as Pastor King prayed, that all these babies may also have their names on the Roll of Heaven.

MRS. S. BEVAN.

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Superintendent's Notes

PASTOR F. S. JACKSON has had a small baptism in Swansea prior to his taking over the duties pertaining to the Newport area.

Brother H. Humphries is preparing for the opening of a campaign in the centre of Swansea.

Unfortunately, neither of these brethren have yet been able to secure housing accommodation. The search for homes will continue while they undertake the work in their respective areas. We earnestly solicit the prayers of the members that homes may soon be found for these two families.

NORTH WALES

LATEST reports from Shrewsbury and Abergele indicate improved attendances and deepening interest in the campaigns being conducted by Brother J. R. Lewis and Brother E. A. Butters respectively. Please put these two campaigns on your prayer-list.

1944 INGATHERING

IT is here again! Seems before its time—but it isn't. It's just that time is hurrying on very rapidly toward the goal of our hopes and the end of the struggle

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which sin has imposed. And to help, materially, to reach that climax, we can all take a hand in this annual solicitation for mission funds.

The May Campaign this year would have but four Sundays—so we are borrowing a Sunday from April to make it the usual five. Therefore there is no time to lose to prepare for the opening Sunday—April 30th.

Wales has a reputation in the Ingathering Campaign which must be carefully preserved. Our people love the cause of missions and are ready to throw themselves into the task with commendable zeal.

This is Centenary Year—for 100 years the Advent cause has progressed and accomplished great things—miracles of God's power and leading. Greater miracles are yet to be seen and we are the people the Lord is waiting to use. The suggestion has come from the Union secretary—Pastor J. Harker—that as a gesture of our devotion and thankfulness, we celebrate the Advent Centenary by making our personal goal 100 shillings—a shilling for every year of Adventist progress. I think this will commend itself to every member and all of us will, at least, try to reach such a goal.

CHURCH GOALS

FOR this year, we suggest that we make the final figure for 1943 the goal for 1944. This will not represent the suggested 100/- per member—but it will be something to work to which we know we can realize—and then we could go on from that to the higher figure as the Lord directs. Here are the final figures for 1943—the amount we suggest you make your goal this year:

Cardiff	£273	Barry	£108
Newport	324	Merthyr	36
Swansea	170	Llanelly	40
Rhyl	200	Wrexham	36
Hereford	56	Milford Haven	33
Shrewsbury	34	Gelligaer	31
Aberdare	36	Caerphilly	26
Rhos	31	Mountain Ash	22
Shotton	19	Buckley	11
Blaenavon	13	Porth	19
Henllan	14	Risca	12

A GOOD START

PRIZE-SEEKERS in races make a lot of the ability to "get off" quickly at the "go." May we suggest that we all be ready to

make Sunday, April 30th, a day which, by its results, will lay the foundation for a successful campaign. The month will pass all too quickly—so let us "go to" with keenness and devotion.

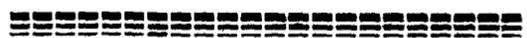
AGENTS

WE depend much on our devoted Agents. *Please do not fail to send your report of the first Sunday's collections* and then, faithfully each week, until the five reports are in. Thank you.

May we have many good experiences and make some good contacts and may the Lord give us souls for our service even while we are filling the treasury!

OUR LITERATURE MINISTERS

WE have but two—Brother C. L. W. Cooke, our veteran—and



Over Eighty—and Still Going

BROTHER REES, of Newport, like a few others approaching the same age, is an ardent collector. Last year he celebrated his eightieth birthday by collecting £6. 4s. 11d., all of which was crammed into one of the small red boxes. Needless to say, it was nearly all silver. We anticipate Brother Rees will once more gather in between seventy and eighty pounds.



Brother A. W. Howard. Do you remember to pray for your two literature workers? Unfortunately Brother Cooke has been in ill-health this year and his work greatly curtailed as a result. We pray that his health may soon improve and his work again flourish. Brother Howard is having abundant success in the Newport area—we rejoice with him. Like Brother Cooke, Brother Howard is seeking souls as well as "sales" and contacts are being made which will bring fruitage later.

BROTHER SMART

WHILE speaking of the literature workers, friends will regret to hear that Brother W. C. Smart, who was one of our literature workers for so many years, recently met with a very serious accident while engaged in his work. Associates say that it was nothing

but a miracle that he was not killed outright. His spine is fractured and his neck injured, but in spite of this, the latest report was that he was "cheerful" and confident that he would return home. I am sure that the many friends of Brother Smart will remember him in prayer—and also his wife and son, as they carry this anxiety. May the Lord be pleased to restore our brother.

U.S.A. VISITORS

AT many of our church services, it is now a usual but none the less pleasing sight to see brethren from the U.S.A. in familiar uniform. We are glad that members are making these overseas brethren welcome and to feel at home. If any you know are in any difficulty, or are not receiving regular material from our Union office, please write to us at Cardiff, giving their name and address.

A PRAYER

"Let us pray that God will accept and use us as an instrument of His purpose. Let us in our thoughts put Him first and ourselves second, fixing our minds less on our will and needs than on His infinite wisdom and power, praying that He will purge out of our life all that hinders His action in and through us, that He will make us selfless, single-hearted, and strong, Christ's faithful soldiers and servants unto our lives' ends."

May we meditate upon this subject-matter for prayer taken from *Everyday Prayers*. If this could be the burden of all of us—ministers, workers, and members alike—and if we would "cast this burden upon the Lord" then great things could be expected. May the Lord bless to this end.

S. G. HYDE.



Baptism at Swansea

SEVERAL important things have happened at Swansea during the past four months. First, we had a high day in January, when Pastor W. T. Bartlett visited us, preaching in Swansea on Sabbath morning and in the afternoon at Llanelly. Brother Bartlett's sermons will long be remembered by all his hearers. He was the means in God's hands of bringing great grace to us all, and our gratitude goes out to him for his gracious

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The Beginning of Ingathering

By J. HARKER

INGATHERING, like many of the good things of the work of God, had a small beginning. In fact, it looked for a time as though nothing would come of it. But God was in the plan from the start and His blessing upon it has been the means of making available large sums of money for the work in mission lands. Elder I. H. Evans relates the story as follows:

"It is a wonder how that fund has been built up by hard, persistent work. It had a strange origin. I was president of the North American Division and was attending a Union meeting in Minneapolis in the winter. Elder Underwood was president of the Union. He said to me: 'There is a man here from Iowa who has an idea for raising money.' So I met the dear brother and he outlined how he thought we could get money from the outside. He suggested that we take all of our periodicals, the *Signs*, the *Watchman*, and the church papers, *Review and Herald*, *Liberty*, *Life and Health*, and even the *Sabbath-School Worker*, and give them to the people free, and then receive from them whatever they might be willing to give. At first, I could not see much of value in the plan, but after, as I thought it over, I suggested to Elder Underwood that I would like to write a resolution on it for the General Conference committee. Later it was decided that we take one of our periodicals and make it a missionary magazine, to be given to those who cared to make gifts to our mission work.

"The first year we only got about enough to cover expenses. The next year we got a little more, but the papers cost us so much that we only got a little out of the amount received.

"Later the plan was transferred to the Home Missionary Department. From £30,000 the first year it was taken over, it has risen to more than £200,000 annually for the world field. It is wonderful how this simple plan suggested

by Brother Jasper Wayne has supplied funds to enlarge our work."

Here in the British Union we started in 1916 and collected about £200. Last year this was multiplied one hundred times. Let us have faith in the plan and pray daily that the 1944 campaign may be a great success.

Our Brightest Star

It is of vital importance that we as Seventh-Day Adventists understand the relationship of our foreign mission programme to this great Advent movement. When Protestantism was afire with the spirit of foreign missions, and men and women were voluntarily sacrificing their comforts in the homeland to labour in dark, heathen lands, that was the time when the star of Protestantism shone brightest.

When Seventh-Day Adventists begin to lose the spirit of sacrifice in behalf of our work abroad and weaken in their financial support of mission work, that day will mark the turning back of the clock of progress that has guided this message since its beginning.

The brightest star in our firmament is the foreign mission work of this people. The messenger of the Lord, in referring to our foreign missions operations, supports this view of the matter in the following statement:

"There is nothing more precious in the sight of God than His ministers, who go forth into the waste places of the earth to sow the seeds of truth, looking forward to the harvest."—*Gospel Workers*, page 465.

"Make It More in Forty-Four"

WRITING to South England churches, Pastor E. R. Warland gives the above slogan for the 1944 Ingathering, and tells in four ways how it can be made effective. We pass these sugges-

Our Centenary Campaign

Sunday, April 30th

tions on to every eligible collector in the Union:

1. MORE PREPARATION. Successful invasion of your territory largely depends on the preparation you make now.

2. MORE COLLECTORS. Every churchmember should help. Those who cannot go from door to door should ask or write to their friends, solicit from tradesmen, or make a personal gift of money instead of time.

3. MORE HOURS COLLECTING. With double-summer time to help us in the best month of the year, we should plan to use the evenings to the fullest advantage. Arrange for bands to meet on as many evenings as possible in different parts of your territory. Don't stop at dinner-time on Sundays—continue through the afternoon or go out again in the evening. We must make the most of every day.

4. MORE MONEY. Collectors might tactfully say, "We are making now a silver collection in the Annual Appeal for World-Wide Advent Missions. . . ." *Think silver, talk silver, get silver.*

A Greater

THIS is the Centenary Year at greatness consists in the power of missions and rapid development. The 1944 Ingathering, Adventists in a war now raging, are privileged to take part in such a work. Let every member take his privilege, and determine now to be a part of this year's house-to-house appeal.

Ten Ingathering Campaign

April 30th Wednesday, May 31st

What To Say

APPROACH the people with courtesy, confidence, a pleasant smile, and a desire to give as well as get. Speak and act as a representative of Christ, rather than a mere charity agent. Where you have the opportunity, show pictures from the coloured folder. Point to the subject of your remarks. In some few cases you may be invited into the home to explain your work more fully. Be prepared. Ours is a worldwide message. Its key teaching is the coming of Jesus. Its 5,000 missionaries are teaching, preaching, and healing in over 400 countries and island fields. Hospitals and health clinics are scattered all over the world's great mission areas. Mention leper work in Africa, the Philippines and other parts. Also relief work in China and other territories where war has come. Our annual budget for missions abroad is well over three-quarters of a million pounds.

Don't be too insistent. Let the work itself have opportunity to impress the heart. You may breathe your prayers to God even as you speak. He will hear you.

Great Opportunity

Every Year at missionary organization. Its message, its extensive development, is all of God. During the Adventists' Union, in spite of the tragic privileged conditions for the still greater prosecution. Let every soul thank God for such a time and energy available to use appear

After Six Months

By L. W. NORMINGTON

WE had hardly finished our little share in Ingathering last year when the call came that sent us, with the Farrowes, on the long journey to mission lands.

A long journey it proved to be, too—one that took us by way of a survivor's camp in Casablanca—but a journey that strengthened our confidence in God's almighty care!

Now we have been on our stations just six months and it is strange, and rather thrilling, to realize that we are among the many for whom you are collecting.

Now you may be wondering just what we have accomplished.

It's a question we are often asking ourselves!

My wife is perhaps more fortunate than I when it comes to answering it.

You see, she is caring for the little dispensary. And with the aid of an African dresser has given no less than 3,000 treatments so far.

Deep sores several inches across and filled with native medicine and pus have been cleaned up and patients who were carried here have walked happily home. Perhaps the peak case was the local Mohammedan chief who came complaining of having a worm. He was certainly right in his diagnosis, for it was seventeen feet long when expelled!

Then there are the sore eyes and the little children who have fallen into fires and been brought to us only after their burns have gone septic and spread over huge areas of skin. It is indeed a thrill to see clean, healthy flesh grow once more.

As the news goes out that there is healing to be found, so they come from farther and farther distances. It is heart-rending when we have to turn them away as their sickness is too serious or too advanced for us to treat with our little experience and training.

But those we can help go back with health renewed and at least a little idea of the meaning of the Gospel.

Here, by the way, is something

to mention to those who grumble about missions in war-time.

Around us are several mines. All geared to high pitch for the national effort and employing thousands of natives.

Again, the farmers of our part are turning over to ground nuts and cotton growing in obedience to the Government's drive for increased exports—to help the home country.

In large part, the only medical and educational facilities provided to these folk are those given by mission stations like our own!

But after all, our work is to speed the Gospel. What progress has been made in that?

The people here are either Mohammedan or Pagan. Their common language is Hausa—and to learn that has been the first and urgent task. It is by no means ended yet, of course, but at least we are able to give simple talks without a translator and get along fairly well in conversation.

The first contact with the people is the native teacher. And the missionary's influence is exerted perhaps chiefly through them.

We have just held a two week refresher course for the six or seven teachers here and are planning for evangelistic efforts in four of the surrounding villages before the rains come.

That will mean a four weeks' camping programme with simple treatments in the morning and preaching every evening.

Being so largely a Mohammedan area, progress has been very slow—barely forty members after eight or nine years. Because of that we are glad to see twenty in the baptismal class and about twice as many more coming to Sabbath-school and asking for teachers.

Perhaps our happiest moment so far was when our Hausa teacher said he wanted to speak to me.

Well, what do you want?" I asked.

"I want to become a Sabbath-keeper," he replied. "I have searched right through but there

is nothing about Sunday in the Bible.

That was good news!

"And your wife. Does she want to be a Sabbath-keeper, too?" I queried.

"Yes, she's decided."

"You know your work here will soon be finished and you will have to go back to your people?"

"I know," he answered, "the will think I'm mad, but I could never talk to anyone again about the Bible if I didn't keep Sabbath—now that I know what God says."

And so two more precious souls have entered the full light of the Advent message.

It more than made up for the heat and the loneliness.

It seemed an earnest of greater things to come, when your work and your gifts and your prayers should have borne full fruit.



Watch for Souls

LET it never be said that in our eagerness to gather money we pass by souls who wish to receive the Bread of life from our hands, or that we ignore the spiritually sick who through constant ministry on our part might be made well in Christ.

It is imperative that all who go Ingathering should make a careful record of names and addresses of all persons who manifest an interest in spiritual things. Failure in this cannot please God.



Lest We Forget

ONE of the most pathetic letters in the annals of foreign missions was written by Adoniram Judson, from Burma, to the churches which he represented.

He had gone forth full of zeal, consecrated, loving his Lord, heroically ready for service and sacrifice. He was left in prison seventeen months, in a foul dungeon, treated as a beast. In some way he got the impression that the home church was indifferent. With a heart bursting with grief he wrote them:

"I thought you were deeply interested in my work and you were not even thinking about it. I thought you were praying for

me, and you did not even know whether I was alive or dead."

It is a dangerous mistake to forget. God warned Israel anciently, "Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, LEST THOU FORGET." Deut. 4:9.

L.K.D.

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Notes from the President

THE people of Morecambe are having another opportunity to learn the third angel's message. After much searching for a hall, Brother S. H. Parkin started his campaign two weeks ago.

Make Use of this Picture

THE picture below of healed lepers being discharged from the Malamulo Leper Colony is a very striking one.

We recommend that it be cut out, pasted on a post-card, and used when collecting as opportunity affords.

Recently, Colporteur J. Laws sold many books in Trimdon, Co. Durham. As a result, cottage meetings were started in the home of a family who showed keen interest. Pastor H. K. Munson conducted the Bible studies. Some of the interested ones are now paying their tithe. So another light has been kindled as the colporteur and minister have co-operated, as instructed in the Spirit of prophecy.

Last Sabbath, Pastor B. F. Kinman, assisted by Brother M. B. Musgrave and Miss J. Mitchell, baptized thirteen candidates. Five of these live in Burnopfield, the home of Colporteur A. Phillips, who has written as follows:

"There are now nine members in the village, six of them living in our street. It is interesting to note that two of these purchased *Bible Readings* from me three years ago. Now we are looking forward to organization into a company and we trust that, by the witness of these members, more will be added to the church later."

We are reminded of the words of Sister White:

"The Samaritan woman who talked with Jesus at Jacob's well had no sooner found the Saviour than she brought others to Him. She proved herself a more effective missionary than His own disciples. The disciples saw nothing in Samaria to indicate that it was an encouraging field. Their thoughts were fixed upon a great work to be done in the future. They did not see that right around



This company of patients is being discharged as healed from the leper hospital, Malamulo Mission, Nyasaland, Africa. A goodly number find healing from the leprosy of sin also.

them was a harvest to be gathered. But through the woman whom they despised a whole city full were brought to hear Jesus. . . . This woman represents the working of a practical faith in Christ."—*"The Ministry of Healing,"* page 102.

"Your spiritual strength and blessing will be proportionate to the labour of love and good works which you perform."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. 3, page 526.

BIBLE INSTRUCTORS

THERE are fourteen Bible instructors in North England who are rendering valuable service in the evangelistic campaigns. Day after day, in all kinds of weather, they patiently visit the interested people in their homes. Although their task is not spectacular, the earnest calls from evangelists for Bible instructors show their important part in campaigns. We greatly appreciate their consecrated service.

FINANCE

In the *Daily Express*, dated Saturday, March 25, 1944, in the "Leader" column, under the heading "Saving—And Why?" we read: "This nation never had so much in its pockets and its saving accounts as now." We are glad that this is reflected in our tithe and offering income, as it should be. It can also be seen in the sale of literature. Unfortunately, the rationing of paper has, to some extent, hit sales rather hard so far this year, but we hope to show a good gain by the end of the year.

Nearly all the members in North England are paying tithe. The only way the total tithe can increase is by the remainder becoming faithful, plus the tithe of the new members. By the way, the tithe in North England has doubled during the war years and this year the new members have enabled us to show another increase.

Two of our North England isolated members, sitting by the fire one cold winter evening not long ago, began to count the blessings of the Lord which had attended them since they accepted this message. Later, to show their tangible appreciation, they sent a special gift of £10 for the Missions Extension Fund.

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PRAYER

ARE you remembering to pray for all the evangelists each mid-day—especially the evangelists who are working in new towns?
R. S. JOYCE.

Training Lay Preachers

A SERIES of Lay Preachers' studies has just concluded at the Nottingham church, at which members from Beeston, Lincoln, Mansfield, Nottingham and Sutton have been present. The studies, started on January 22nd, were conducted by Pastor Cannon, and were based on the North England Conference *Lay Preachers' Handbook*.

All study, it was emphasized, must have as its foundation, a personal knowledge of, and a personal contact with, our Saviour. This study must be adequate, and the need for preaching the resulting sermon, must be felt by the preacher. When the sermon has reached its final form of preparation, one thing yet remains before presentation. The notes, thoughts, etc., must be laid at the feet of Jesus, in prayer, to be taken up at His command, and given with His help.

Nor should too much fear be entertained about the manner of the presentation. The aim of the speaker should be to be as natural as possible, with the desire for

improvement, ever an almost unconscious part of himself.

On Sabbath, March 11th, Dr. Essery, who is shortly to take up an appointment abroad, spoke on the "Psychology of Soul-Winning."

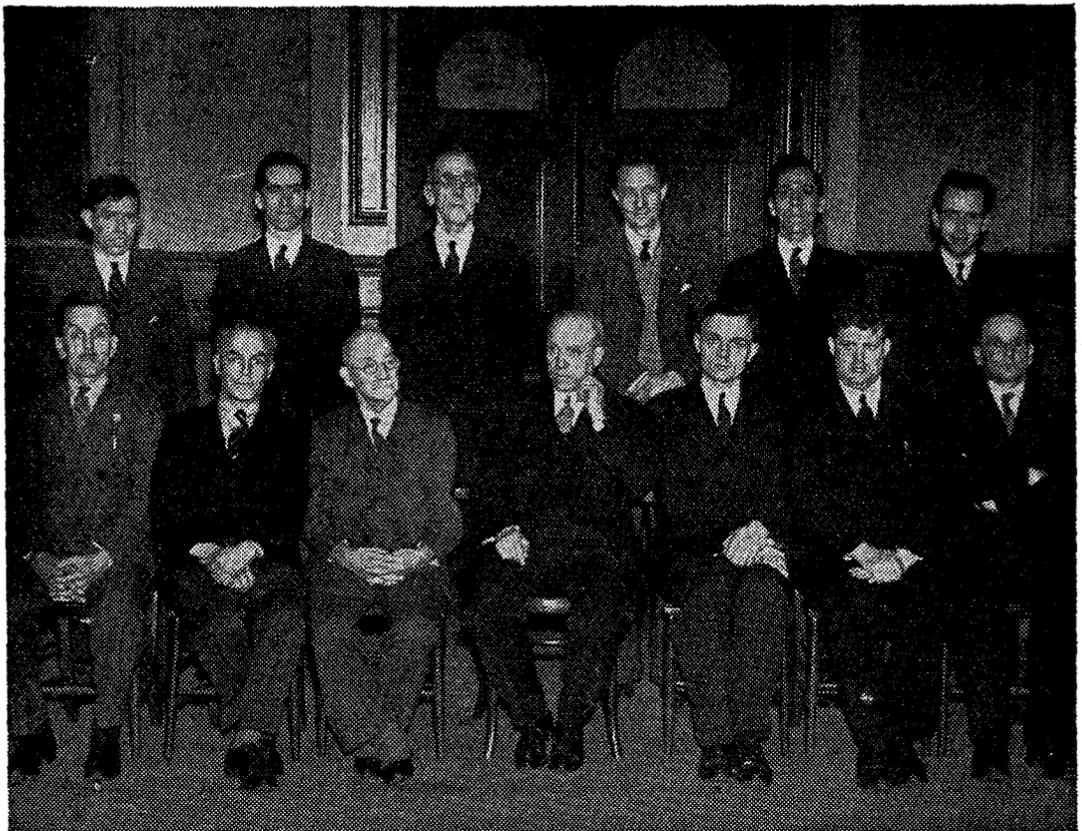
"Few people now question the existence of God," he said. "The basic problem is, What is His character?" The steps he suggested to answer this and win the soul to Christ are these: First, the scientific proof of God's Word. Next, the power of the Word to change lives, and then, fulfilled prophecy. Having thus established confidence in the mind of the inquirer, the character of God is revealed in His Son, Jesus Christ, and the unworthiness of self is brought home with full force, as we stand at the foot of the cross.

The series ended on March 18th, with a meeting mainly devoted to testimony and questions. At the close, all went forth with a new sense of the urgency of the task, and a new desire to help in the finishing of the work which will find expression in improved service in the churches and companies of the Central District

G.F.S.

Y.P. Rally at Derby

ON Friday, March 10th, at the hour for evening worship, our Rally commenced. Pastor Howard



North England laymen who attended the Lay Preachers' Council recently conducted in the Nottingham church.

was there, and viewing the young people fighting on the battlefields of life, he drew some lessons of warning and admonition from the experiences of Elijah, Paul, and Peter.

The next morning at ten o'clock a large family gathering assembled for the Sabbath-school to share in the blessings of a really Young People's day. A warm reception was given to the many visitors, among whom were boys of the Forces who had moved on, but having spent so many happy hours with the Derby family, returned to enjoy a few more. Then there were the twelve disciples from Stoke who had gladly left their beds very early that they might keep their appointment at the Master's feet.

It was a real young people's Sabbath-school. The children sang their sweet hosannas, young people voiced our praise and petitions at the mercy seat, and very ably showed us how to review a Sabbath-school lesson.

In the consecration service which followed, and all through the day, our hallelujahs were augmented by the sweet strains of the violin, clarionette, and organ, played by three young musicians.

The children eagerly gathered about Pastor Sparrow while he vividly painted word-pictures of the unfortunate children of 150 years ago, and of men who determined to see that the children of to-day should be happier.

Pastor Howard addressed the senior young people. He reminded us how the enemy of souls has always sought to wreck the temples of the living God; and how God has laid plans in His Word for the rebuilding of broken lives. First we must be born again, receiving a supernatural cleansing and deliverance from sin. Then He gives us the privilege of the supernatural companionship and love of Jesus, supplying the power for us to share with Him in supernatural service. He told us many stories of young people he has known who have demonstrated these facts and thereby been a blessing to others.

In the afternoon Pastor Sparrow taught us how to better appreciate the music of our

hymnbook and to sing the words of the hymns more effectively. "My Heavenly Father Knows" was beautifully rendered by four young people. Then Pastor Sparrow spoke on the Progressive Courses, introduced here in England in 1936 by Pastor Lester Bond, and inspired us to work for balanced development of body, mind and spirit. We heard of the plans to improve our *Youth Handbook*, and at the close all felt a new inspiration to commence or continue until we become Master Comrades.

Once again we came to the hour of worship, when Pastor Bird reminded us that we must soon come down from the mountain top of this day's glory to tread in a way we have not trod hitherto. New ventures, opportunities, and experiences are awaiting us. It is important that God be with us to guide us into the promised land as He was with Joshua and His people. And so we sang, "Guide Me, O thou great Jehovah," and Sister Lockton sealed our appeal with the beautiful song-prayer, "Take my hands and lead me. Be Thou my Guide."

We were sorry that Pastor Howard and the friends from Stoke were unable to share with us the last hours of our Rally, when Pastor Sparrow gave a healthy and amusing film show, after which we spent a good social time together. There were excellent refreshments provided. The Stoke friends appreciated the warm welcome and the hot drinks provided by the Derby friends.

How good it is for brethren to meet together in such fellowship, especially to

AN ISOLATED MEMBER.



Still Pressing On

"TO-DAY I feel twenty-five years younger than when I accepted the message ten years ago," says Brother W. Jones, our oldest colporteur-evangelist, now well over seventy.

With unabated enthusiasm he still carries the Gospel message from door to door in Birmingham. Many people have become his "regular customers" for our



Colporteur W. Jones at work.

bound books, taking from him each new volume as soon as it is published.

In our sketch Brother Jones is demonstrating the latest volume, *God's Way Out*, for which he has already secured over a hundred orders.

B BELTON.

Baptism at Swansea

(Continued from page 5.)

and powerful preaching and true brotherly intercourse with all our church folk.

More recently, and to be exact, on Sabbath, April 1st, a baptismal service was held at Swansea, when four candidates went forward in this sacred rite. Three were from Swansea and one from Llanelly. All four were young people of solid and sterling worth. Others are getting ready and this brings to us all good cheer and high expectation.

As on previous occasions, so now, this baptismal service inspired and enriched every heart with the warm glow of Christian love and fellowship. There was a good attendance, including several members from Llanelly. After the ceremony and reception into membership a joyful season of testimony and witness crowned a truly beautiful service.

Last, but not least, we were favoured with a visit from Brother J. C. Craven, returned missionary from India and at present repre-

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senting our own publishing house. The Spirit of God rested upon His servant who brought forth from the Word things new and old which revived, strengthened, and consolidated our faith in the Advent message. Our Brother Warren also shares prominently in this short review of distinguished visitors to Swansea. We shall not soon forget our publishing house manager's visit. His unique, inimitable manner of instantly captivating Christian minds with the Advent story is too well known to our British membership to require emphasis. Suffice it to say that though this was our brother's first visit to Swansea, we sincerely trust his next visit will be soon!

Will the MESSENGER family please pray that a brother employed on the G.W.R., who loves the Advent message, may soon be free to follow His Lord through the waters of baptism which is his longing desire, and that the work in Swansea and district may continue to grow and prosper, and be completed when Jesus comes.

F. S. JACKSON.



ATKINSON.—Sister Atkinson, of the York church, fell asleep on Friday, December 10, 1943, following an operation the previous day. She accepted the message in 1921 when Pastor Rodd first brought the message to York, and she remained a faithful, loyal member up to the last. She was home missionary secretary and deaconess for many years. We shall miss her cheery smile, but believe she sleeps in Jesus, awaiting the call to everlasting life on the glad resurrection morning. Quite a number of the York members were present at the cemetery chapel, where Brother D. J. Clarke conducted the funeral service, and also at the graveside. We extend our deepest sympathy to her son and daughter who mourn their loss.

A. THOMPSON, *Church Clerk.*

SANDERSON.—Sister Sanderson fell asleep in Jesus on Thursday, February 17, 1944, at the age of forty-two years. She had grown up from her youth in the message, and was baptized on September 28, 1922. Her passing away came as a surprise to many of us. She was a faithful witness, and had great hopes of coming out of the hospital to continue her work for the Lord. Brother Vine committed her to the grave in the presence of a number of relatives and friends to await the call of the Life-giver. Our prayers and sympathy are extended to her husband and children and two sisters in the faith.

E. LIMBACK, *Church Clerk.*

ATWELL.—Sister C. Atwell of the Newport church passed to her rest on March 4, 1944, at the age of sixty-seven years. She was loved by all who knew her and the church has lost a very faithful member. Our dear sister was

received into membership with her sister during the year 1929 while Brother Bird was holding an effort in Newport. She often expressed her desire to be alive at Christ's coming, but the Lord has chosen that our sister shall rest awhile. Brother Humphries conducted the funeral service in the presence of a large number of relatives and laid her to rest in the Newport Cemetery on March 8th. Our sincere sympathies go out to all the bereaved.

F. A. POPE, *Church Clerk.*

SMITH.—We record with sorrow the loss of Sister Smith, who passed peacefully to rest on March 6, 1944, at the age of seventy-eight years. Sister Smith accepted this message under the labours of Pastors Armstrong and Dorland and Sister Hilda Green at Grays, Essex in 1914. For a number of years she was a loyal member of the Walthamstow church. Then she returned to Grays to live with her daughter, Mrs. Field, and at the beginning of the war they all evacuated to Hinham, Bishops Stortford. She loved this message and gave it to others at every opportunity. She will be missed very much by all her many friends and relatives for her kind, Christian influence. She was laid to rest to await the Life-giver in Barling Churchyard, near Southend, with others of her own people.

MRS. J. E. BROOKS.

MILES.—With regret we announce the death of Sister Miles, a faithful member of the Coventry church. Sister Miles accepted the truth at Gloucester through the labours of Pastor J. G. Bevan, and remained faithful until the day of her death, March 7, 1944, when she fell asleep in Jesus at the ripe age of eighty-three years. We laid our sister to rest in the London Road Cemetery on March 13th, the service being conducted by the writer.

K. LACEY.

GEORGE.—We regret to announce the sudden death of Brother H. George who passed away on March 19, 1944. Our brother came from South Africa and was a member of the Ealing church. His wife left a sick bed upon which she had been for a year in hospital to be with him at the last. The last year had been one of strain upon Brother George and the Lord saw fit to call him to rest. He was interred in the Greenford Cemetery on March 29th to await the call of the Life-giver. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the widow in the added burden that has come to her, and ask for the prayers of God's people in her behalf.

W. W. ARMSTRONG.

Wedding Bells

TRENHOLM-EVERETT. — Wednesday, March 15, 1944, was a very special occasion at Bradford, when many friends and relatives witnessed the first Seventh-Day Adventist wedding in our very beautiful church. Brother William Henry Trenholm was united in marriage to Sister Ivy Everett. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Handysides, assisted by Brother D. Conroy. Both the bride and bridegroom are members of the Wakefield church, Brother Trenholm being the colporteur of that area.

We wish these two young people great happiness and many blessings as they journey through life in their Master's service.

A. EVERETT, *Church Clerk.*

Studies in the Life of the Church

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ably godless. Another revival in 1740, accompanied by other extremes of teaching 'on hell-fire completely failed and this good man lost his influence entirely.

The Rev. C. F. Rogers, M.A., Professor Emeritus of Pastoral Theology, University of London, once searched the Bible to find the truth about the doctrine of hell, and this is what he wrote:

"I was astonished to find on how slender a base the 'popular' doctrine of hell was built. The story of Dives and Lazarus, I saw, just used the imagery of current ideas. It was obviously not meant literally, for how could Abraham and Dives talk to one another, and how could Lazarus lie literally in Abraham's bosom?"—*"The Fear of Hell,"* page 53.

"Then that repeated phrase 'where their worm dieth not and their fire is not quenched,' so far from being 'gloating over the idea of torture,' formed a sort of lyrical refrain borrowed from the last words of Isaiah, where the meaning was that of utter destruction. If it meant anything eschatological, it taught a doctrine of the annihilation of the wicked."—*Ibid.,* pages 53, 54.

The "unquenchable fire" texts of the Bible all have to do with an ultimate judgment that is everlasting in its effect—like a fire which cannot be stopped until it has destroyed everything in its path. Similarly, all statements suggestive of eternal torment in Scripture (too many to deal with here, but all handled skilfully in Uriah Smith's *Here and Hereafter*), have a logical explanation which fits into the harmonious scheme of Bible truth on the future life.

"How repugnant to every emotion of love and mercy, even to our sense of justice, is the doctrine that the wicked dead are tormented with fire and brimstone in an eternally burning hell; that for the sins of a brief earthly life they are to suffer torture as long as God shall live. . . . Where, in the pages of God's Word, is such teaching to be found? . . . It is beyond the power of the human mind to estimate the evil which has been wrought by the heresy of eternal torment."—*"Great Controversy,"* pages 535, 536.

Studies in the Life of the Church

DR. ISAAC WATTS is chiefly known as a nonconformist writer of 600 hymns. He was, however, something of a theologian, being well versed in biblical languages. He wrote a book on *The Ruin and Recovery of Mankind*, in which he said some unorthodox things about death. Thus:

"There is not one place of Scripture that occurs to me, where the word death, as it was first threatened in the law of innocency, necessarily signifies a certain miserable immortality of the soul, either to Adam, the actual sinner, or to his posterity."

That was in 1696, when it was dangerous to speak against natural immortality. But Isaac Watts seems not to have suffered persecution that came to others because of such views, nor to have progressed beyond that in his study of the future things.

At any rate, his words on death about a century and a half later (1844-6) fell into the hands of a Church of England clergyman, Edward White, who championed conditional immortality for the rest of his life, not without cost, and developed the theme considerably. He wrote a book in 1846 (called *Life in Christ*) which came into the hands of Dr. Emmanuel Petavel and profoundly impressed him to write views which he was already developing. Among other things he wrote *The Problem of Immortality* (published in England, 1892), and he became the leading conditional immortality exponent on the continent of Europe, as Edward White was in England.

From Isaac Watts' time onward men were groping after the truth regarding the future life and many were carrying these views to America in their search for freer theological atmospheres, and it would be interesting to trace how these and related truths on hell and spiritism and eternal torment came into the hands of our early Adventist pioneers.

Doctrine evolves in men's minds and in the church, as prayerful search is made in the Scriptures. In our work it can be seen in the acceptance of the

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By H. W. LOWE

imminent second advent, then of the seventh-day Sabbath, then of conditional immortality and its concomitants, etc.

It is a blessed thing that a love of the sin-pardoning, soon-coming Saviour was the dominant motive in this message, rather than the fear of death, or of hell fire, which is almost inevitable to belief in natural immortality.

The Word clearly asserts that God breathed the breath of life into man and the same breath or spirit into animals (Gen. 2:7; Eccles. 3:19), and they all became living souls. This animating spirit is withdrawn at man's decease (Eccles. 12:7), and there is no remembrance or consciousness of anything in death (Psa. 6:5; Job 14:21; Eccles. 9:5; Psa. 146:4). Our departed are in complete oblivion (Job 3:17, cf. Psa. 115:17). Hell is not a place of suffering, but the condition of the silent and unconscious dead, righteous and wicked, from which they return by the resurrection.

There cannot, therefore, possibly be such a thing as loved ones in purgatory—that lucrative and fearful doctrine of the Roman Church. (See *Great Controversy*, page 58.) Nor can there be such a thing as an everlastingly burning hell, to those who know the truth of the last judgment. And whatever it is that happens in the séance chamber, certain it is that the manifestations cannot emanate from departed, disembodied human spirits, for there are none such.

The deterrent value of fear of the future, or of the dread of hell-fire is negligible and the revulsion it produces against religion is considerable. For the first two centuries after Christ it does not figure much in Christian preaching, and "in the remains of early Christian art there is no representation of hell." (*The Fear of Hell as An Instrument of Conversion*, page 32, by C. F. Rogers,

M.A., London.) This authority says:

"The earliest representation of hell I know is that on a tenth-century ivory of the Last Judgment in South Kensington Museum."—*Ibid.*, page 33.

The ideas of hell-fire and purgatory gained ground the more the apostolic times were left behind, and the Middle Ages find these views almost universal. From then on we find Christian theology and preaching loaded with threats and lurid language descriptive of the eternal sufferings of sinners and the satisfaction their sorrow brings to the saints.

The famous Jonathan Edwards of Northampton, New England, supplies a classic illustration of a sincere, exemplary living man, driven to frightful extremes by this erroneous doctrine on eternal torment. One of his revivals lasted sixteen months, then died away, and the youth of the community became almost uncontrol-
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