

MESSENGER

BRITISH UNION SURVEY.—3

WALES—Retrospect and Prospect

By S. G. HYDE

THE Principality of Wales—a little country of its own, “more distinct from England than Scotland or Ireland”—along with the border counties of Herefordshire and Shropshire, constitute the territory of the “Welsh Mission.” Within its borders three million souls, segregated into fifteen counties, provide plenty of scope for the soul-saving activities of God’s remnant people. But, although the Advent message has been operating in Wales for sixty-five years, seven of the fifteen counties have not yet heard the voice of the Advent preacher, while in the remaining eight evangelism has as yet covered little ground. Of fifty-two towns with a population of more than 10,000 (twenty-six of these have over 20,000) there are still thirty without a single representative of the Advent church!

The present membership of Wales is 444. Of this number a little more than 100 are “isolated” with the remainder in fifteen organized churches and companies. The pastoral and evangelical staff is small and inadequate. We have but one ordained minister (apart from the field leader), two senior, and one junior licensed ministers, and two lady Bible-workers. These are located as follows: one in North Wales, two in the border-land counties, two in West Wales, one in Newport, and one in the gateway of the Rhondda,

with the superintendent as evangelist, pastor, and administrator in Cardiff. In the pastoral sphere, this “thin line” of workers is very ably supported by a splendid group of lay preachers, some fifteen in number. And there are two—yes, only two—colporteurs who, by the extent of their sales, do the work of a larger number!

Reviewing the past, we shall cover the ten years 1933-1943.

During that period public evangelism was blessed by the acquisition of 270 new members. Were it not for the fact that half of the period represents war years, the number would have been considerably larger. Here in Wales, and particularly in the three big centres of Cardiff, Swansea, and Newport, we have known much of the terrors of air war and this has greatly spoiled our campaigning opportunities and reduced the potentialities of our public work to a minimum. Our few



The Superintendent and staff of the Welsh Mission. In the group also are Pastor J. M. Howard, Union Departmental secretary, and Pastor G. Baird of Newbold College.

evangelists have worked under conditions of extreme difficulty during the five years of war, but they look forward to the post-war years when facilities for proclaiming the message will be more adequate.

But in spite of everything, we have been blessed and the Lord has been good to His people. Through days of darkness and danger His work has been maintained, and His people and their homes providentially preserved. He has enabled us to bring a greatly increased tithe income to the treasury, amounting to 100 per cent, and to forward to the mission fields of the world record sums of money, also amounting to nearly a 100 per cent increase from what it was ten years ago. The remarkable success of this year's Centenary Ingathering Campaign is but an instance of the desire of our Welsh members to speed on the work of God to its triumphant end. During the period in question, our colporteurs have sold over £15,000 worth of literature, while the church has added to that sum by a few thousand pounds.

It is a far cry from 1888 or 1889 when the first public meetings were opened in Wales at Aberystwyth by Pastor A. John or when, in 1896, Pastor J. S. Washburn began public work in Cardiff or when, in 1903, the first church was organized by Pastor W. H. Meredith in Pontypridd! But the work is onward, though growth is slower than in some other parts of Britain. We *do* have now five church properties in Newport, Swansea, Barry Dock, Aberdare, and Blaenavon to aid us in our spiritual life and work. And we *do* have a splendid body of men and women who love the message and are ever ready to support the church's every endeavour.

But our needs are great, nevertheless. We need revival—revival in our spiritual experience, in our outlook and vision. We need the "first love" experience and this we are seeking to have. We need to build up our Sabbath-school so that *every* member enjoys its advantages; we need to foster greater local missionary service so that the *whole* church is working with Jesus in this last hour of earth's

history. Our children and youth need more care and consideration. We need more places of worship, none more so than in the fair city of Cardiff, the capital of the land. We need more colporteurs to sell not only English-speaking literature but literature in the language of the people who still think in and use the rich and colourful language of Wales.

As we emerge from the black and bleak days of war into the light and liberty of coming days, we are confident that we shall see greater growth and a larger forward movement. Young manhood will be returning to their homes looking for solace and comfort, for an anchor, for something in which faith and confidence will play a greater part in their lives. We have what they will need and, by God's grace, workers and laity will seek to supply it. Dr. J. W. Welch, the B.B.C. Director of Religious Broadcasting, has expressed his conviction that one out of every three persons are in "rather urgent need of spiritual help" (this he has discovered from correspondence). This surely constitutes a challenge to us—we in Wales wish to meet the challenge and, under God, to dedicate ourselves to the needs of the hour and a larger soul-saving movement. We desire just that experience expressed in the prayer of Benjamin Jenks:

"O Almighty God, teach and help us all to live in peace, and to love in truth, following peace with all men, and walking in love, as Christ loved us, of whom let us learn such meekness and lowliness of heart, that in Him we may find rest for our souls. Subdue all bitter resentments in our minds, and let the law of kindness be in our tongues, and a meek, quiet spirit in all our lives. Make us so gentle and peaceable that we may be followers of Thee, as dear children, that Thou, the God of peace, mayest dwell with us for evermore; to the honour and glory of Thy great name. Amen."

Notes from the Union President

OUR GIFT TO ABYSSINIA

OUR members were interested in the gift of £100 which we

made toward the Princess Tshai Memorial Hospital in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Mrs. Stella Hanson, housekeeper in the royal household, was notified of this gift and sends a very kind letter, part of which we produce herewith.

"It was a very great surprise and pleasure to receive your letter of last February. I'm so ashamed that I haven't answered you before. It was so kind of you to write to me, and I informed His Majesty at the first opportunity about the gift you gave toward P.T.M.H. It was very kind of you indeed and I know it will be appreciated very much. I want to thank you in behalf of Their Majesties.

"There is a matter His Majesty asked me to write to you about. He is collecting books for his library and there are some English ones he is very anxious to get. Have tried to get them in the States but they don't have them.

"We are all working hard in this field with too few workers, so our time is very occupied. The work is progressing, however, and God gives strength to stand the many perplexities. We do think of our work and workers up there in these trying times of war and hope the end is very near when you'll have peace.

"Thanking you again for your letter and for your kindness beforehand in helping His Majesty"

ANNUAL WEEK OF PRAYER
DECEMBER 2-9, 1944

THIS year we are devoting the first week in December to our Week of Prayer season throughout the Union. What a multitude of things we have to pray for in these days. The news is better and the end of hostilities may be within measurable distance. Our people have in large measure been spared the horrors that have come in many other countries, and our work has had as large a measure of freedom as we could have expected under the terrible conditions of modern warfare. All these are reasons for thanksgiving, but there are other matters still calling for divine aid and intense devotion and intercession. Our work is restricted by many conditions that cannot be remedied until the war ends. Our plans for the progress of the work are hedged about in many ways. Above all else we need to pray for a renewed dedication of heart and life to the

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prosecution of God's work, and of a larger spirit of soul-saving evangelism.

Let us hold as many meetings as we can in every church and company, and may these well organized plans produce much blessing upon our entire membership this year.

ANNUAL OFFERING

THE annual thank offering for missions is to be received on Sabbath, December 9th, and will give us another opportunity of demonstrating our thankfulness to God, and of supporting liberally the cause we love in all the world

H. W. LOWE.

Newbold College

A New School Year

THERE are many to whom the opening of the school year is of special interest. Through the summer months parents, teachers, and students have worked, looking forward to this day. The first meeting of this school year was held at 2.30 on Wednesday afternoon, September 13th, and we feel that it was evidence of God's rich blessing that in this, the sixth year of war, our chapel was practically filled with students.

Several visitors spoke to us on this occasion. Pastor L. G. Hardinge, who is at present in charge of our work in Edinburgh, was the first to bring a message to the assembled students. His theme was that "all our foundations should be laid in sapphire." Brother Hardinge went on to state that God will make our lives more precious than silver, gold, or diamonds. The Creator of the universe, the great Alchemist, who can take the common clay and transform it into sapphire can also take the life that is rough and unhewn and polish it after the similitude of a palace.

The Stanborough Press has always been a friend to the school and scores of students through the years have obtained their scholarships and received help from the Press. It was therefore fitting that Brother J. C. Craven,

the treasurer, who was present, should speak to us. Brother Craven exhorted the students to become more efficient stewards of the manifold grace of God. He also spoke of the great need of more young people training for the service of the Master. Since Brother Craven himself has spent many successful years in foreign mission service, his appeal to the students to keep the mission field ever in view came from a first-hand knowledge of the great needs in lands across the sea. Following Brother Craven's talk there was a solo by Horace West, one of the students.

Pastor R. S. Joyce, the president of the North England Conference, in which territory the school is situated, was the last speaker. He said that God had performed a miracle in allowing so many young people to come to the College in this the sixth year of war. He then made an urgent appeal to all the young men to examine their hearts to see if God

was not calling them into the ministry. He urged the young ladies to train for the Bible-work.

"The greatest need of this movement," said Pastor Joyce, "is for evangelists, ministers, and Bible instructors." He exhorted the students in their quest for knowledge to remember that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Pastor Joyce expressed his desire that all those who as yet were not members of the Advent church should be baptized before the school year closes. He reminded us that this goal was reached during the last school year.

On Wednesday evening, at eight o'clock, the faculty and students met in the College dining room for the annual student-faculty reception. Thus another school year is on its way. The prospects are bright for a profitable year for all who are privileged to attend. Below is the student enrolment.

W. G. C. MURDOCH.

Student Enrolment 1944-45

NAME	TOWN	NAME	TOWN
Ashley, A.	Barnsley	Mackenzie, R.	Glasgow
Ashley, L.	Barnsley	McClements, P.	Daventry
Ashmore, E.	Birmingham	Mason, E.	London
Ashton, K.	York	Millar, I.	Scarborough
Atkins, J.	Bournemouth	Musgrave, R.	Plymouth
Baildam, D.	Grimsby	Mustow, D.	Sheffield
Barnes, E.	Newcastle	Norman, A.	Bournemouth
Bell, L.	Edinburgh	Norman, B.	Bournemouth
Benefield, V.	Bournemouth	Patten, M.	Sheffield
Browell, B.	Newcastle	Pearse, F.	Plymouth
Brown, G.	Bradford	Pennycad, I.	Scarborough
Bryant, E.	London	Phillips, R.	Newbold
Chapman, E.	Exeter	Pickering, M.	Newcastle
Connelly, M.	Croydon	Powls, G.	Middlesbrough
Cooper, J.	Hawarden	Reynolds, J.	Llanrindad
Cooper, A.	Louth	Rigby, J.	Watford
Crutchfield, G.	London	Robson, C.	Newcastle
Coupland, C.	Birmingham	Roberts, E.	Manchester
Dabson, D.	Hastings	Robertson, B.	Stretton
Davidson, T.	Belfast	Roe, M.	Leeds
Dawrant, W.	Stoke	Savage, B.	Huntingdon
Dudley, R.	Scarborough	Shanks, L.	Belfast
Easton, E.	Edinburgh	Smith, A.	Cardiff
Elias, A.	Glasgow	Smith, M.	Newcastle
Ellis, I.	Norwich	Spencer, J.	Newcastle
Emm, C.	Enham	Standen, L.	Watford
Emm, G.	Enham	Stendall, M.	Nottingham
Freeman, R.	Llandysul	Stewart, D.	Londonderry
Frow, A.	Watford	Sturgess, E.	Reading
Goozee, M.	London	SurrIDGE, D.	Nottingham
Gregory, E.	Tonbridge	Sweet, P.	Bristol
Giffin, B.	Whitehaven	Timothy, A.	Great Yarmouth
Hall, L.	Nottingham	Trafford, A.	Wallasey
Hall, D.	London	Trimmer, B.	Bournemouth
Hardy, G.	Bedford	Tyler, M.	London
Harrison, J.	London	Vick, E.	Newbury
Heath, G.	Shrewsbury	Vine, K.	Bournemouth
Hopson, D.	London	Weir, P.	Belfast
Hopson, V.	London	West, H.	London
Howard, V.	Southampton	Weston, P.	Grimsby
Jacques, B.	Watford	Whiting, J.	Bournemouth
Jacques, B.	Watford	Wilkinson, P.	Grimsby
Lambert, P.	Southend	Wilkinson, L.	Newcastle
Lamey, M.	London	Williams, I.	Rhyl
Logan, E.	Glasgow	Williams, M.	Rhyl
Logan, H.	Glasgow	Willoughby, M.	Watford
Lowe, D.	Derby		

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Notes from the President

AS reported in the last issue of the MESSENGER, a splendid district meeting was held at Bristol on Sabbath, August 26th. The attendance was beyond all expectations, and those who attended received great blessing and inspiration.

The Conference Committee met on September 21st, and while together gave careful study to conditions now prevailing in South England with a view to holding the proposed London district meeting. It was duly voted that the London Day of Fellowship be held on Sabbath, October 28th, this decision being subject to revision, however, should enemy activity make it necessary. We are hopefully anticipating peaceful conditions in London and the south as the days proceed. Full announcement of this London meeting will be found elsewhere in this issue.

It was further decided that a special Day of Fellowship should be held for our East Anglian churches and isolated members at Ipswich on Sabbath, October 14th. The particulars concerning this are as follows:

Place: Lecture Hall, Ladies' Conservative Club, Felixstowe Road, Ipswich.

Time: Sabbath, October 14th.
 Sabbath-School 10.00 a.m.
 Divine service 11.15 a.m.
 Bible study 2.30 p.m.
 Closing service 3.45 p.m.

Special children's services will be held in the morning and afternoon.

Directions and Accommodation: Visitors should take the Felixstowe Road car from Electric House in the town centre. Those requiring accommodation should write to Pastor F. C. Bailey, St. Annes Cottage, 29 Princes Road, Felixstowe, Suffolk.

This Day of Fellowship should

be a means of great blessing to all who can attend.

EVANGELISM

PROGRESSIVE plans have been made for evangelism throughout the South England territory during the 1944-5 evangelistic year just beginning. The movement of some workers is involved, and these changes are now being worked through. You are asked to remember these matters in prayer, especially in view of the



Special Day of Fellowship

to be held in
LONDON

Upper Holloway Baptist Church,
Holloway Road, London, N.7.

SABBATH, OCTOBER 28th :
 Sabbath-School 10.00 a.m.
 Services at 11.15 a.m., 2.30 and 3.45 p.m.
 Young People's Social 6.30 p.m.

VISITING SPEAKERS :

H. W. Lowe
 W. T. Bartlett
 W. L. Emmerson
 E. E. White

MUSICAL ITEMS :

by Stanborough Park Choirs

ORGANISTS :

A. H. Thompson and F. Shone

ACCOMMODATION SECRETARY

D. J. Dunnett,
 13 Cranley Gardens,
 Muswell Hill, N.10.

*Programmes now available at
 Conference Office*

PLAN TO ATTEND



extraordinary housing conditions now prevailing. Further details will be published as the plans materialize. The all-important subject of evangelism was given most comprehensive study by the conference committee at its recent meeting, and after much prayer the budgets and plans now being put into operation were voted.

SABBATH-SCHOOL

EVACUATION and war service may be partly responsible for the falling off in reported figures con-

cerning the Sabbath-school attendance. This, however, should not make us careless in our attitude to this vital matter. We need a strong and vigorous Sabbath-school in every church and company. Are you making your loyal contribution to Sabbath-school activities? Some special Sabbath-school conventions are being planned for South England, and these will doubtless be most helpful and, we trust, fruitful. In the meantime let every member ponder upon the individual blessing to be received from the Sabbath-school, and the individual responsibility he bears toward it and its activities. The Lord will bless us as we accept His own means for blessing us, the Sabbath-school, of course, being one of them.

G. D. KING.



Brighton

IT is nearly a year since we commenced our evangelistic programme in Brighton and district. As we look back thankfully on this memorable year we are thankful for the overruling providence of God. We are thankful for the measure of safety we have been privileged to experience. We are thankful for the way the twenty souls have taken their stand beneath the cross of Jesus.

Work has not been easy on the south-east coast, but in spite of this there is many a pleasant reflection as we remember the labours of the past year.

We opened our services in the Royal Apartment of the Pavilion, Brighton. That beginning had been an elusive aim for many months before we started. The prevalence of visits from enemy planes prevented our starting on more than one occasion.

The attendances were good for many months, as the people listened to the unfolding of the Advent message. Unfortunately we have suffered from "hit and run raiders," flying bombs, evacuation, and the war of nerves that accompanies these circumstances. These uncontrollable features naturally had a tendency to reduce interest and audience, but we are glad that we have now seen the firstfruits of the harvest gathered in.

Four were added to the church

in February and sixteen in July. On the latter occasion we had a week-end convention starting with a consecration service on Friday evening and ending with the baptismal service in our own church building on July 29th. For these services we had the ministrations of Pastor G. D. King. It was a memorable occasion. Among the comments were: "It has been like old times, it's years since we had such a service," "The thrill of my first love for the truth returned as I attended the services," "I have renewed my consecration, and have new inspiration to go forward."

To make this service possible we had the assistance of Brother D. J. Dunnett at the beginning of the campaign and later Brother O. H. Rosier. Miss D. Fradrick, has been our Bible-worker, and throughout we have been helped by many local members.

So with our new converts we face the future, remembering that the future is as bright as the promises of God.

G. R. BELL.

Another Bournemouth Baptism

SABBATH, September 16th, was a very happy day for the Bournemouth church. Brother J. H. Parkin, our highly-esteemed conference treasurer, spent the day with us. In the morning, following a very enjoyable Sabbath-school, we celebrated the ordinances of humility and the Lord's Supper, and in the afternoon, the ordinance of baptism was carried out. Brother Parkin gave the address at each service.

There were three received into the church on this occasion, making sixteen since we came to Bournemouth. We are hoping for another baptism before the close of the year.

A very interesting little story could be told as to how each of these dear ones learned and accepted the message. Through the faithful witness of an Adventist soldier during the last great war, a comrade became interested. That comrade's wife is one of the three who have just been received into the church. The second is with us because a loyal Adventist nurse let her light shine. The third, a brother, heard the mes-

sage through the writer, twenty-nine years ago. We are glad indeed that he is now a member, uniting his efforts to serve the cause of God with those of his wife, who has been a loyal church-member for many years. May God richly bless these dear ones, and may He bless also the lay members who have helped so greatly to make these results possible.

F. A. SPEARING.

Evangelizing in the East End

WHITECHAPEL, Stepney, Bow, Shoreditch, Bethnal Green—the East End of London, where thousands live in squalor, poverty, and congestion. Perhaps you shudder and recoil at the thought. But do you ever stop to think that those thousands must receive the Advent message just as much as yourselves? Do you ever wonder if they are already receiving it?

We hope you do, because we want to tell you about the progress of some remarkable missionary work. Almost every Sunday an eager band of youthful colporteurs, all members of Holloway Young People's society, meet at an early hour, and under Brother H. G. Cruttwell's able, enthusiastic leadership—often with Colporteur J. Olliver, too—make their way to the East End to spend a profitable and sometimes exciting morning selling *Present Truth and Good Health*.

Always starting out after earnest prayer, they go in the strength of God's grace to spread His last message, and we know He is signally blessing their efforts. They usually come back with many tales to tell—and of course, they have always sold out their stock of papers; for East Enders, though rough of speech, are friendly folk, ready to buy, and in many cases eager to hear more "about Jesus." Enid Oakley, one of the party, has sold a number of papers in the "Devil's Den," an appropriately named tavern, while after a purchase by a burly customer, Gwen Lack was invited inside to another "den" where ten hardened gamblers ceased their play while every one bought a paper, and one commented, "They'll do us good."

The flying bombs did not deter

our youthful missionaries in the least; they carried on as before, and Cyril Vesey at least found surface shelters very profitable territory during a raid as he spread the message of peace and comfort.

What is being accomplished, you may ask; is the work really achieving anything? Time will tell: the East End presents a peculiar problem. Its conditions seem almost prohibitive to public evangelism, at least as an opening method; colportage with larger books would be a failure among its impecunious inhabitants. We must continue the kind of work now being done, and watch for any individuals demonstrating a growing interest. Already some have demanded regular calls; many lively conversations have taken place, and truth has been explained. We need your prayers that contacts may be made and developed with those whom the Holy Spirit will guide into the way of light.

The average monthly sales now amount to round about a thousand papers, and already many times that number have found their way into needy homes. This is East London's day of opportunity; our colporteur band means to seize it, and in faith sow for a bountiful harvest.

D. J. DUNNETT.

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Notes from the President

NEWCASTLE CENTENARY FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

WE met in a beautiful hall. It was gratifying to see that so many took full advantage of the occasion. Judging by the remarks heard and the general atmosphere, it was obvious that many blessings were gained.

The following is an extract from a letter received from one of the church elders:

"We had a great day on Sabbath, the 16th. The visiting brethren were very inspiring and the

messages they gave were most timely. I think most who attended were richly blessed. The believers from my church were greatly encouraged."

A fuller report will appear in a later issue.

NEW ARRIVAL

MICHAEL JOHN LACEY was born in Coventry on Sunday, September 17th. His parents are in charge of the Midland District.

1944 HARVEST

THE harvest of the 1944 evangelistic campaigns should be gathered in during the last three months of this year. Pray for those who are going through severe trials as they endeavour to plan their future in accordance with God's Word, and pray for those whom God is using to teach them. In 1 Corinthians 3:6, we read: "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." Mrs. E. G. White comments as follows on this verse:

"The power of man cannot hasten the work; with this must be united the power of heavenly intelligences. Only thus can the work of God be brought to perfection. Man cannot do God's part of the work. A Paul may plant, and an Apollos water, but God gives the increase. In simplicity and meekness, man is to co-operate with divine agencies, at all times doing his best, yet ever realizing that God is the great Master-workman. He is not to feel self-confident; for thus he will exhaust his reserve force, and destroy his mental and physical powers."—*Testimonies*, Vol 7, page 398

1945 CAMPAIGNS

YOUR executive Committee met last week and after very careful consideration voted to enter seven more unentered towns. Already our small number of workers seems to be stretched to the limit, but with faith in God and a willing, co-operative group of evangelists and Bible instructors, a way has been found. There will be many difficulties in regard to houses, halls, and advertising, but we believe that God would have us go forward and He will enable us to overcome every obstacle. This will place a still heavier load on our lay preachers, but they are

willing, and God will give them the strength

"The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church-membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers"—*Testimonies*, Vol 9, page 117.

We know you believe this and will support our plans to this end.

GRADUATES

BRETHREN R. A. DARBYSHIRE and C. Knowlson, and Sister E. Baird, will assist the evangelists in North England as they start their new campaigns. We welcome these graduates, and hope that God will bless their ministry from its commencement.

TRANSFERS

BROTHER and Sister P. H. Stearman have received and accepted a call to Africa. We are sorry to lose them. Their work in Worcester has been fruitful and we trust this is but a small indication of the way God will use them in Africa.

BROTHER and Sister T. H. Fielding will soon be leaving Africa for work in North England. We extend to them a very hearty welcome.

We pray that God will give both these families travelling mercies.

R. S. JOYCE.

Leeds Centenary Fellowship Services

"I SAW another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting Gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth."

A century of divine leadership and growth fulfilling the angel's mighty cry! A hundred years of witnessing, under divine unction, "to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people!"

This was the time to which the Lord had brought the Advent people. It was indeed a memorable occasion for all who were able to attend the first of the North England Centenary Services held in Leeds.

For this great occasion the Blenheim Baptist Church was made available by the kindness of its minister and diaconate. This large, well-appointed church was admirably suited to our needs and proved none too large for the

most encouraging number of Adventists who flowed into it from the various churches north of Nottingham and south of the Tees.

Though the majority of our congregation had to travel many miles from distant towns, our first meeting at 9 a.m., a prayer session led by Pastor R. S. Joyce, our president, was well attended, and before its close, the body of the church was almost full. The warmth and freedom in prayer was remarkable. We felt the day had started well with this mass request for the Lord's presence.

With 10 a.m. began a vigorous and responsive Sabbath-school programme, under the leadership of Pastor B. E. Sparrow. The inflowing people by now had made it necessary to open up the large gallery. It was most inspiring to see so many churches so well represented at this great Sabbath-school. The missions appeal was made by Pastor H. W. McCrow. The expectant spirit of the people was evident in their wholehearted desire to have a part in the questions of the review, conducted by Brother D. A. Conroy, and the lesson study. It was an invigorating act of worship for all of the large Sabbath-school class. A lively, informed membership partook of the blessings of the study hour led by Pastor J. C. French.

The main morning service was a source of inspiration and encouragement to us all. Pastor H. W. Lowe was used of the Lord to present a message admirably suited to the situation of the Advent people awaiting the coming of the Lord in these days of world tribulation. His text, Revelation 7:14, is of great importance to all Advent believers. "These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." He showed us a picture of the Advent people in the time illustrated by Jacob's trouble, struggling for higher attainment in righteousness, and finding the Saviour and Deliverer always present in the hour of great darkness and severe tribulation. A Saviour, seeking to take away all unrighteousness, and to take us into the gate of heaven and to the

house of God. It was a stirring message, which the Spirit of God so brought home to every heart that, as one, we stood together in surrender and consecration before the Father, while Pastor R. S. Joyce besought the Lord in prayer in our behalf.

So numerous were the people who remained behind for lunch, that the catering committee was embarrassed and confessed itself quite unequal to the task of slaking the thirst of so great a multitude, which had overflowed, from the large hall provided, into every room in the building. This was a happy time of glad reunion to many as we sat around the long tables set out for our use. We thought of the tables which would soon be set out in the halls of heaven.

At 2 p.m. a special meeting was convened for men only. It proved an unqualified success. Approaching a hundred laymen were present to hear Pastor Lowe's message on the layman's divine call and empowerment in these days of moral laxity, when the Advent movement represents the unshaken standards of God's truth.

The final meeting on Sabbath afternoon was taken by Pastor J. M. Howard. He spoke of the growth of the Advent movement in the past hundred years. The burden of three people, Joseph Bates, James White, and Ellen Harmon, had become a mighty, ever-expanding movement, circling the globe, having planted its standard among every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people—a movement doing a mighty work of witness, calling men to obedience, and preparing them to meet a soon-coming Saviour. Pastor Howard made us feel proud to be accounted worthy to stand among such a God-called people.

Throughout the day the children had their own series of separate services under the care of the M.V. Department secretary and a large corps of very able assistants. So in simple ways with film pictures and stories, the blessing of the Lord was upon our children, too.

All present owe a debt of gratitude to Brother Edgar Halstead, A.R.C.O., who presided at the

beautiful church organ, and to his choir from Manchester, and especially to the soloist, Sister O. Redecen-Dibble.

Before pronouncing the final blessing of the day, Pastor R. S. Joyce led us all in singing:

"I slipped my hand in the pierced hand
Of the Man of Calvary,
And felt the scars of the cruel nails
That He bore in agony:
I said to Him, 'While life shall last,
More true to Thee I'll be,'
As I slipped my hand in the pierced hand
Of the Man of Calvary"

All were agreed that the occasion had been a great success and a time of deep spiritual refreshment and blessing. September 9th has now passed into our Advent history, and as it passed, many a good member was heard to say, "It's been grand. Can't we have more such meetings?" We hope we may. D. A. CONROY.

Change of Address

WILL visitors to Wellingboro kindly note that the church there has changed its place of meeting to: The Friends' Meeting House, St. John's Road, Wellingboro.

The times of services are as before. W. M. LENNOX.

Welsh Mission

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Superintendent's Notes

CENTENARY CONVENTION ANNOUNCEMENT

WE are glad to be able to announce the special week-end Centenary Convention Services for our friends in South and West Wales. This will be the last of the 1944 "specials" and we trust that it will be one of the best of such gatherings.

PLACE AND DATE

ALL services will be held in the Adventist church, Sketty Cross, Swansea. Beginning Friday evening, October 13th, at 7 p.m. and continuing through the Sabbath, October 14th. Programmes are

being prepared and will be sent to all churches and those in isolation.

GUEST SPEAKER

OUR Union president, Pastor H. W. Lowe, will be the principal speaker. Pastor F. S. Jackson and Pastor S. G. Hyde will also be present, as will others of the ministerial staff.

ACCOMMODATION

WE would urge as many as possible to travel to Swansea on Friday. For the opening service on Friday evening we would like to have as many present as possible. As at Hereford, we will endeavour to provide beds for all who need them. But you *must write quickly* and state your needs. Write to Mr. H. Humphries, 97 St. Helens Road, Swansea.

AN OPEN INVITATION

MEMBERS from any part of our field (and even those outside our boundary) are warmly invited. But we do hope to see present in strength the churches of Newport, Cardiff, Barry, Caerphilly, Gelligaer, Aberdare, Merthyr, Milford Haven, Blaenavon, and Risca.

Particularly do we want to welcome those who do not have the privilege of meeting very often with others of like faith. You friends who live in isolation in Pembrokeshire, Cardiganshire, Carmarthenshire, Glamorgan-shire, and Monmouthshire. Do come and enjoy this opportunity of fellowship and united worship.

Please note the date—October 13th and 14th.

EVANGELISM

SPECIAL series of meetings for the public presentation of the message are being held in Pontypridd, Swansea, Cardiff, and Shrewsbury. Please pray for these efforts that they shall prove fruitful.

THE WORKERS' PHOTOGRAPH

MEMBERS of the Welsh Mission may wish to possess a copy of the photograph which appears on the front page of this issue. A good sized copy nicely mounted can be had for 2/6. Please send your order to the undersigned at Cardiff as quickly as possible. S. G. HYDE.

Irish Mission

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Superintendent's Notes

DURING the past few months we who have laboured in this part of the world have felt that, owing to the "ban," we have been cut off somewhat from base. We are glad that it is impossible to cut us off from the Base of all supplies. Our confidence is still in the Lord who ever watches over His own.

We have our problems which are peculiarly our own. We do not claim to have solved them. We are working away and believe that in God's good time the seed sown will germinate. The main object of this short article is to thank our dear people for their wonderful response in the In-gathering. Never have our people demonstrated such willingness.

Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick is reported to have said:

"If we could get religion like a Baptist;
Experience it like a Methodist;
Be positive about it like a Disciple;
Be proud of it like an Episcopalian;
Pay for it like a Presbyterian;
Propagate it like an Adventist;
Enjoy it like a negro—that would be some religion."

If Dr. Fosdick had seen our membership working this Centenary year he would not have mentioned the other denominations.

When December 31, 1944, arrives I feel sure we will have raised over £1,000—£600 more than our Mission goal. We wish to thank all our dear people. We wish also to thank all the workers for their zealous co-operation.

Thank you, Brother Doherty, for £50.

Thank you, Brother Cowley, for £50.

Thank you, Miss Hanna, for £50.

Thank you, Miss Logan, for £100.
E. E. CRAVEN.

UNTIL THE DAY BREAK

HEWITT—Sister P. J. Hewitt of the Newcastle church fell asleep in Jesus on July 30, 1944, and was laid to rest in St. John's Churchyard, Sherriff Hill, on August 2nd, by Pastor B. Kinman, who conducted a service in the home and at the graveside. Sister Hewitt accepted the message under the labours of Pastor F. C. Bailey and was baptized in 1926. She has remained faithful to the message she loved, although for a while she had not been able to meet with the church. Our hearts go out in sympathy for her daughter, May, and her son, George. May God comfort them both as He alone can comfort

Church Clerk

MICHELMORE—Early on Sabbath morning, August 5, 1944, Mrs. E. J. Michelmores, a member of the Conference church, passed quietly to her rest, at the age of eighty-eight years. She was buried in the Bovey Tracey Cemetery, Devon, near to which town she had but recently moved from her home in Ropley, Hants, because of the flying bomb menace. The psalmist's words undoubtedly apply in her case, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints," for ever since her baptism in 1906 by Professor C. Lacey, one-time principal of the Stanborough Park College, she had loyally maintained the faith. In this she was joined by three of her six daughters, who, with one son, mourn the loss of their mother, but in the words of one of her daughters, Mrs. W. G. Chappell of the Holloway church, "We are comforted to know she sleeps in Jesus and confidently expect a happy reunion on the glad resurrection day." "He giveth His beloved sleep."

J. H. PARKIN.

ALLEN.—The Watford Town church lost one of its faithful members on Sabbath, August 12, 1944, in the person of Miss Ann Elizabeth Allen, in her seventy-second year. Accepting the message some twelve years ago, Sister Allen has always been a staunch witness for the message. Her bright disposition and cheerful hope in the Advent message will not easily be forgotten. She was laid to rest in the Vicarage Road Cemetery, Watford, on Thursday, August 17th, in the presence of friends and churchmembers. She leaves a brother and a sister (in Canada) to mourn their loss, but not without hope.

A. W. COOK.

SMITH.—We announce with sorrow the death of Brother W. Smith on August 5, 1944, at the age of sixty-seven years. For the past eighteen years Brother Smith worked full time circulating our literature. He sold books in Wales, Scotland, North England, and, during the past six years, in South England. Some twenty years ago Brother Smith accepted the message with his wife and mother through the ministry of Sister Draper, at that time Bible-worker with Pastors O. M. Dorland and John Hyde in the Fulham district, London. He was baptized by the late Pastor H. Armstrong in June, 1924. The entire colporteur family express their deepest sympathy to his devoted wife and three sons. We shall miss him at the Colporteurs' Conferences. He was laid to rest in the beautiful little West Dean Churchyard, Hants, on Tuesday, August 8th, to await the call of the Life-giver. His example will inspire us to press on until the work is finished.

A. W. COOK.

SMITH—On August 29, 1944, Mrs. Patience Smith entered into her last long sleep at the age of seventy-one years. The funeral service took place

in the Ilkeston Cemetery and was conducted by Pastor W. J. Cannon and the Rev. McQueen. Sister Smith was one of the faithful isolated members of the conference church in North England. When the voice of Christ awakes her, we feel sure it will not be to isolated worship any more, but to have a part in the worship of God among the redeemed of all ages.

F. D. BUCKLE.

Mrs. Bird and family wish to thank all who have so kindly written letters of sympathy and love to them in their sad bereavement.

Wedding Bells

STEARMAN-HOWARD—On Monday, August 28, 1944, in the Congregational Church, Sparkhill, Birmingham, Peter Horace Stearman and Vera Howard were united in marriage.

Peter was very well known in the Birmingham district. There was a large attendance of friends present, many of whom he had helped to bring into the message.

Brother and Sister Stearman are under appointment as missionaries to the Gold Coast, and it was fitting that they should receive the blessing and good wishes of so many co-labourers in the ministry—eleven being present, nine belonging to the Advent church, all of whom asked for Heaven's richest blessing on the young couple as they undertake the great task of bringing the light to those in heathen darkness.

I know that the prayers of our people everywhere will follow Brother and Sister Stearman, that God's blessing may rest abundantly upon this worthy young couple, until the great gathering day when we shall all rejoice together in the harvest.

L. MURDOCH.

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