

BRITISH ADVENT

MESSENGER

Another Successful Campaign

By J. HARKER

THE sixth wartime Ingathering is over. The general verdict is, "It was a grand campaign." To those who were privileged to handle the reports from week to week there was surprise on surprise. Totals mounted higher and higher, and even now money is still coming in. By the time the last trickling streams have ceased to flow, we shall doubtless have touched the £26,000 mark.

This sum will provide a grand total of £110,597 raised for missions during the war years. Only the protection and blessing of God on our work in this small island field could have made such an achievement possible. To Him alone the praise is due.

A glance at the comparative statement below will show increases in every field, both in totals and per capita.

These good results could never have been achieved without the fullest co-operation between leaders and people. Conference workers and local agents have never given so fine a lead. The rank and file of our membership have responded well, and many a happy experience could be told by those who have shared in this inspiring undertaking. We commend to the MESSENGER family an unhurried reading of the re-

ports given elsewhere in this issue.

Speaking on behalf of the three Missions—Wales, Scotland, and Ireland—we feel nothing but the highest praise is due to the collectors in these small fields. Many groups lack the enthusiasm which is gendered in the churches where larger numbers are at work. We think of the small companies who faithfully do their part in Wales and Ireland. Think of three collectors in Merthyr with £50 between them; two in Milford Haven with £40; one lone collector in Risca with £21, and one in Mountain Ash with £14; Londonderry sent us £130, Larne, £46, Portadown £82. Ireland, for the first time in her history, has raised £1,000. Scotland's small groups have also done well. Seven collectors in Dundee gave us £118. Greenock and Stirling,

with four collectors, £37 between them.

Who would have predicted that a single church would collect as much as the whole field ten or twelve years ago? Belfast has created this record with £360, Newport also with £460, and Glasgow with £465. Edinburgh's £400 is a peak figure, too. Swansea with £300, and £9 per member, should likewise be noted. Cardiff raised £383, Rhyl, £202, Barry £151, Shrewsbury £135, and Hereford £131.

Aside from the money brought into the missions exchequer, we must ever set great value on the tonic effects which the campaign has on our church life everywhere. God has His way in the Ingathering, as in all else connected with His cause on earth. May we ever retain the vision of a finished task, when all who have faithfully served will join in the song of triumph before the throne of God.

Ingathering in South England

"APART from the money it has had a good tonic effect on all." That is how one of the ministers in South England summed up the Ingathering campaign in his

church. We believe that it also expresses the experience of one and all throughout the conference. No single home missionary activity has such united support from all the members as this great annual campaign for our worldwide missionary work.

It has now been our privilege for ten years to lead the campaign in South England. Every year has brought its *thrills*, but *none more* than 1945. Handicapped as we were in the London area, with a

	1944			1945			Increase			Per Cap		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
South England	10,836	14	0	11,734	0	0	897	6	0	3	11	4
North England	8,642	19	5	9,600	0	0	957	0	7	4	10	5
Wales	2,104	14	4	2,162	14	4	58	0	0	4	18	3
Scotland	1,154	10	6	1,248	5	6	93	15	0	4	2	4
Ireland	883	19	6	1,004	10	5	120	10	11	5	0	6
Union	23,622	17	9	25,749	10	3	2,126	12	6	4	1	0

shorter collecting period, we wondered if it would be possible to reach the splendid achievement of our Centenary year. Then, in the middle of the campaign, came the happy V-Day celebrations which naturally interrupted the collection in many places. We asked ourselves, Would it still be possible to get that £10,800 that we had in 1944?

Toward the end of the campaign we opened the weekly reports with breathless haste. Church after church was giving us amazing surprises, as they passed beyond the splendid totals of last year. Space does not permit us to mention more than a few of the outstanding achievements, though we have appreciated, more than we can express, the loyal help of one and all.

The highest advance beyond last year was made by Plymouth which, with a gain of £128, brought in the grand total of £400 this year—well over £5 per member. Bristol also showed a gain of over £100, with a total of £527. Other wonderful increases came from Exeter (£73), Folkestone (£77), Gillingham (£53), Portsmouth (£86), Southend (£45), and Walthamstow (£69).

The following churches had over £5 per member:

Chelmsford	£ 6	Richmond	£ 6
Exeter	5	Slough	10
Gillingham	5	Taunton	10
High Wycombe	6	Walthamstow	5
Luton	6	Watford	6
Plymouth	5	Southstoke	9
Portsmouth	5		

Among the companies and groups, even higher per capita were reached:

Bedford	£ 7	Ryde	£ 5
Canterbury	7	Salisbury	7
Edgware	5	St Austell	12
Ely	5	St Mabyn	23
Herne Bay	9	Stroud	7
Huntingdon	6	Swindon	5
Gloucester	5	Sittingbourne	8
Knaphill	21	Weston/	
Leatherhead	6	Winscombe	13

It is encouraging to look at the achievements of the six war years, during which time many of the towns and villages of South England have greatly suffered from ruthless air bombardment.

1940	£	5,320
1941	..	6,204
1942	..	7,415
1943	..	9,064
1944	..	10,837
1945	..	11,734
TOTAL	£	50,574

The total for South England may eventually show a gain of £1,000 over the Centenary year. Is it not thrilling to think that in these six war years South England has raised for our worldwide mission work a sum of well over £50,000 in this house-to-house collection!

E. R. WARLAND.

Ingathering News from the North

If "the real character of the church is measured . . . by what she is actually doing for the Master, by the number of her persevering, faithful workers," then we have a very fine church in North England. The conference now has 2,123 members, and 1,150, or more than half of these, have taken an active part in this year's Ingathering campaign. Through their tireless, consecrated efforts we have collected £9,600, or £4-10s. 5d. per member in the month of May. Since the war began in 1939 more than £43,500 has passed through Nottingham on its way to mission lands. Such substantial help would never have been possible if the love of Christ had not been constraining hundreds of our faithful people.

We wish we could personally introduce you to the most famous of our veterans—but that is not possible. We wish we could publish their photos to give you an idea of their personalities—but we cannot even do that. We must content ourselves with a few rapid pen-pictures.

You must meet Miss A Tesh, from Killamarsh, near Sheffield. Physically she is no giant, but in the realm of Christian service she is of great stature. This year she brings us £116, gathered in almost ceaseless house-to-house collecting. Close behind her comes Mrs. A. Vasey, a busy housewife belonging to the Darlington church, who has collected £83 in her spare time. Two of her friends, Mrs. C. Waters and Mrs. J. Nelson, have added £62 and £55 each, so the trio has provided £200 of Darlington's total. At Grimsby, Mrs A. Weston has collected £70, and, a few miles across the water, Miss E. Carrison has contributed £61 to Hull's fine figure: and each has played

a great part toward raising the £1,100 that comes from the Humber district (121 members only).

We cannot continue a recital of similar achievements, for 550 members collected over £5 each, and you would not want to know all their names. Two hundred and fifty of them went higher and gathered over £10, and fifty of these collected more than £30 each. And please do not think that these collectors are robust people with nothing else to do. Several of them are over seventy years of age, some are far from well, and others have done all their collecting at the end of a hard day's work.

One old-age pensioner gave £4, every penny of which was saved from her meagre pension. Another sent us £2 earned by her "make-do and mend" activities among her neighbours!

Many of our churches have enjoyed fine leadership from our conference workers. Pastor and Mrs. E. Zinns, newly appointed to Hull from Ireland, collected £140 between them. Miss E. Adair, a Bible-worker with a long record of service, brought £60 into Nottingham; and Miss E. Baird, our newest recruit, gathered £56 around Stoke-on-Trent. Mr. M. Roe, our versatile colporteur, acted as local agent at Leeds and made time to add £60 to the church's collection. The president and Mrs. R. S. Joyce collected £51 together, and Pastor J. E. Bell and his wife, who have recently retired from active service, have forgotten retirement and contributed £41 to the Stretford and Stockport churches. Such news items as these go a long way to explain how the conference total is obtained.

Our victory has been won not by elaborate organization, nor through high-pressure promotion, but by the unstinted service of ministers, Bible-workers, colporteurs, and lay-members who so earnestly want to see "this Gospel of the kingdom . . . preached in all the world" that they are willing to work for it. We know that the Spirit who inspired their month's ministry will also guide those who distribute the £9,600 and those who use it.

B E SPARROW.

The Publishing House Gets Busy

THE 1945 Ingathering campaign was the most successful we have ever experienced at the Publishing House. Our very meagre wartime staff of only twenty-two employees had found it difficult to prepare the literature in time for the campaign, but somehow, someway, it was despatched before the date required.

We then faced the problem of keeping our colporteurs supplied with books and periodicals, while at the same time entering energetically into the great Ingathering effort—but where there is a will, there is a way.

A very good spirit prevailed and employees worked willingly in the evenings and whenever we could release them on Sundays. The result was that on May 31st we were able to report the highest figure we have ever raised, £185, which was an average of over four goals per member.

The experiences we have had are too numerous to mention. One employee was given a handful of sixpences by a very pleasant lady who also insisted on her husband placing a halfcrown in the box. Just before leaving, the promise was made that next year if she came again, she would be given a handful of shilling pieces.

This very happy contact is being followed up by the sending of *Present Truth* each fortnight with the prayer that the light of truth may break into that home.

A Catholic priest actually gave liberal support to our mission work and another person said immediately the collector came to the door, "You are a Seventh-Day Adventist, aren't you?" She then went on to say that her mother and father had been members of the church until they "passed away" and that her sister had been a nurse at the Sanitarium. After giving a substantial amount, her last words were, "It's a pity you don't have a church in Uxbridge."

The Ingathering campaign is one of the many splendid avenues of fruitful service and God will bless these contacts that have been made. Let us continue to cooperate together in all our many forms of church activity.

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Superintendent's Notes

THE week before the campaign began, we sent out a brief appeal to the churches which ended with these words: "Wales wants the best-ever report." The response has been magnificent and we have obtained the "best-ever." Hearty congratulations to everybody concerned. We have been a grand team, and the Lord has blessed our efforts. The total was nearly £2,163, or £4. 18s. 3d. per member! The old goal of £2 per member looks very meagre alongside the lusty figures this year's report has produced.

Out of eighteen listed places, only five failed to reach £5 per member! One of those was £3.-10s. 0d., and three of the others nearly £3 per member. Even Rhos was within a few pence of the £2 per member. With Hereford and Rhyl with £11 and £10.-2s. 6d. per member respectively leading the larger churches, and Milford Haven and Merthyr with £13. 6s. 8d. and £10. 2s. 1d. per member respectively the smaller groups, Wales had a fine showing.

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Another Hereford Convention

ON July 13th-14th we are (by special request) planning another Convention for the deepening of the spiritual life in the old-world cathedral town of Hereford.

Last July we enjoyed a very successful Convention—so much so, that there was a unanimous appeal for a repetition.

We expect to use the same Baptist church, in Commercial Road.

The speakers will be Pastor H. W. Lowe and Pastor W. L. Emmerston.

Accommodation will be found for all who write to the undersigned at "Ventnor," Ty-Glas Road, Llanishen, Cardiff.

A warm welcome awaits you—plan to come and pray for a blessing.

S. G. HYDE.

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There is no mistaking the interest that Wales has in the cause of missions when we look at the campaigning over the past eleven years (1935-45) when £14,840.-17s. 3d. was "ingathered." Here are the details:

	£	s.	d.
1935	1,026	18	11
1936	941	3	7
1937	1,028	3	0
1938	1,003	0	0
1939	1,066	0	10
1940	1,160	5	2
1941	1,271	12	8
1942	1,402	6	10
1943	1,673	17	7
1944	2,104	14	4
1945	2,162	14	4

FRUITS OF EVANGELISM

THE workers are seeking opportunities of enlarging their interests so that the truth for these latter days can be brought to an increasing number of people. During the summer months our younger ministers are engaging in an intensive house-to-house effort with suitable literature. We ask an interest in your prayers on behalf of this work.

Baptisms are being arranged this third quarter in Rhyl, Shrewsbury, Cardiff, Porth, and Caerphilly.

In Newport, Pastor Jackson is hopeful of a few additions to the church there.

STUDENT-COLPORTEURS

WE welcome again to Wales some of the student-colporteurs for the summer months. We shall pray for them that they meet with success in their efforts. So far we know of five who are already at work. They are:

Miss Audrey Smith in Cardiff, Mr. G. Emm and Mr. Humphrey Kinman in the Bridgend district, Mr. G. E. Powls and Mr. G. Hardy in the Caerphilly-Pontypridd district.

WELSH GRADUATES

IN the recent Graduation at Newbold College, three of our Welsh Mission students graduated—one to the Bible work (Miss Joy Cooper) and two as teachers (Misses Irene and Maureen Williams of Rhyl). We offer our congratulations and pray that each will enjoy a successful period of service in her chosen sphere.

THE JULY CONVENTION

MAY we draw the attention of our readers to the announcement in this issue of the Hereford Con-

vention in July. We are glad that we can again have such a gathering as we had last year. Please begin to plan now and if possible come and spend a week-end in Hereford. We will get you accommodation.

We hope that most, if not all, of our congregations in Wales will plan to spend at least the Sabbath (July 14th) in happy fellowship. We are favoured in having our Union president, Pastor H. W. Lowe, and the editor, Pastor W. L. Emmerson, as the principal guest-speakers. Begin to plan now for this important meeting. S. G. HYDE.

CAMP NEWS

THE places allocated to South England were filled by June 14th. As we have already returned deposits of those applicants who were with us last year, and have a further waiting list of over twenty names, we must ask that no further applications be made from South England young people. We regret that we have to disappoint so many but, now that the European war is over, we look forward to larger seaside camps under canvas in future years.

E. R. WARLAND.

Notes from the Union President

OUR FINEST INGATHERING EFFORT

WE give space elsewhere to record the unusually fine achievements of all parts of our Union in the 1945 Missions Ingathering campaign. To have raised almost £26,000 in the sixth year of war is in itself a splendid effort. When we know the peculiar psychological factors, such as the reactions of an over-worked and tired population, and when we remember the high rate of Ingathering throughout the history of this Union—then it is surpassingly good to have raised this year the highest amount in our history.

Pastors Harker, Warland, and Sparrow did solid work in organizing this work; the local agents shouldered heavy duties that consumed much precious time, the

conference workers gave their customary support, and the large army of loyal laymen and women were, as ever, willing and hard-working to the very limit. We had fewer complaints of infringements of police regulations, and altogether it was the most satisfactory campaign for years.

SAD NEWS

OUR older members will recall Brother W. Cuthbert and Miss F. Wray, who were College students here about 1912. They married and later served as faithful missionaries for years in East Africa. A few years ago Brother Cuthbert took to farming in Kenya. We regret to receive the news that early this month Brother Cuthbert was attacked and killed by one of his native workers. Our deep sympathy is extended to Sister Cuthbert and her two sons in this sad hour.

OUR BELIEVERS IN EASTERN EUROPE

SLOWLY items of news trickle



CUTHBERT.—Friends in Great Britain will join with us in sorrow at the loss of Brother William Cuthbert. He died June 1, 1945, under tragic circumstances, being fatally stabbed by a native, death being almost instantaneous. The Eldoret English Church of St. Matthews was kindly placed at our disposal for the funeral service, which was held on Sabbath afternoon, June 2nd, and was conducted by Pastor W. Marais of South Africa. He also held a short service at the graveside, assisted by Brother C. T. Bannister. That our late brother was well respected in the district was evidenced by the attendance at both services, and by the many floral tributes. He was laid to rest in the quiet cemetery on the outskirts of Eldoret. Brother W. Cuthbert was born in the year 1890 at March in Cambridgeshire, of Baptist parents, and early in life he gave his heart to the Lord. He accepted the Advent message in 1910, and later entered Stanborough Park College. He graduated in 1916 and entered the ministry. In October of that same year he was married to Florence Wray, also a graduate of Stanborough College. The Lord blessed them with two sons, Raymond and Maurice, both of whom are in Kenya; and Maurice is an officer in the army, and Maurice is farming in the Eldoret district. Brother Cuthbert was ordained in 1922, and shortly afterward he answered the call to enter mission work in East Africa. Early in 1931 he resigned from mission work, and took up farming in the Eldoret district, where he remained until his death. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his sorrowing wife, the two sons with their wives, and other relatives, commending them to the love of Him who is the "God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our afflictions." GRACE CLARKE

through regarding the dreadful aftermath of war. Some here will remember Pastor E. Mägi, who visited our College years ago and later became the leader of our work in Estonia. This little land has seen invading armies ebb and flow over its territory on many occasions and the people have been evacuated many times. Brother Mägi had a doctor son who was sent away to Germany a long time ago, and has not been heard of since. The doctor's wife and child were evacuating to Finland and were drowned at sea. Pastor and Mrs. Mägi and a younger son now find themselves homeless in Sweden.

Rehabilitation takes on a new meaning when we think of these wrecked lives scattered across the world.

OUR STUDENTS

THIRTY-EIGHT students are at work on summer scholarships. The future home of the school has not yet been decided, but news will be given here when available. H. W. LOWE.

PRINTING—C. Russell, Newton Street, Macclesfield.

FARM HOUSEKEEPER required for two single men friends in Norfolk. Help given with rough work. Sabbath privileges. Good food and outings. Write, giving particulars and wages required, to: H. Clarke, 2 Altyre Close, Beckenham, Kent.

WANTED, resident domestic help in S.D.A. doctor's home on south Cornish coast, or temporary cook-housekeeper for summer. Vegetarian food. Write: F.A.D., Polmener, Mullion, Cornwall. ROOM, furnished or unfurnished, provided by retired S.D.A. lady. Any district provided it is near S.D.A. church. Particulars to: Miss Lyon, c/o 50 Elmbank Terrace, Aberteen.

WANTED, mother's help. £2 per week permanently, or for July to go away with family to N. Wales. Write: Miss Townley, Barry Court, Garstang Road, Broughton, Preston, Lancs.

The treasurer of the South England Conference acknowledges with grateful thanks the Lord's tithes £40, and offerings £15, from Anonymous, London W.

SUNSET CALENDAR

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