

BRITISH ADVENT

# MESSENGER

## Ingathering Points

### TO BEAR IN MIND

By G. R. Strickland

1. *Soul-Winning Work.*—Ingathering is a soul-winning work. To engage in it successfully one must consecrate his service to God.

2. *Chief Benefit to You.*—Your church is materially helped through the spirit of devotion which Ingathering engenders—co-operative action and sacrificial labour for others. But the chief benefit will come to *you*, as you prayerfully engage in this work God has given.

3. *Work to Win Souls.*—As you solicit funds from non-Adventists, your heart should yearn after the lost, and your eyes and ears should ever be alert to find the honest in heart. When you find such an one, make a record of the name and address and see that the interest is further developed and followed up until a decision has been made.

4. *Support World Programme.*—With the funds you gather during this denomination-wide effort, God's cause is advanced around the world circle. You are doing your part to support a world programme and at the same time strengthen the home base—your home church. Do not forget that as an Ingatherer, you are doing service for God. Be sure to make soul-seeking the uppermost part of your effort.

5. *Be Courageous.*—Christ's promise, "Lo, I am with you" is especially realized when you

engage in this labour of love. There will be difficulties, but they are not insurmountable. The greatest obstacle centres in the worker's mental attitude. Determine to do your full share and more, and your hardest task is done.

6. *Learn a Canvass.*—Know what you want to say to your prospect—learn a canvass. If the suggestions provided do not fit your particular case, write your own, but learn it—learn it so well that you can make adaptations as need arises. Soul-winning is the most important of all business. You represent that great work, you are its salesman and need to use businesslike methods. Learn your canvass well.

7. *Don't Delay.*—Don't leave your Ingathering work to some "convenient time." Arrange a definite plan for it in your daily programme until your full goal is reached. Don't delay—do it *now*. Procrastination will cheat you out of a blessing, rob the church of your support and deprive some soul of benefits that would be his were you to reach him, as well as hold back the message of salvation from those who await our missionary service.

8. *Courtesy and Cheerfulness.*

—Courtesy toward all is necessary. Christ was gentle, kind, considerate; and so must His representatives be. Smile cheerfully, smile constantly.

9. *Neatness Essential.*—Neatness of appearance should characterize all who take part in sacred service. Apparel may show signs of long wear, but it can be clean and neat.

10. *Frivolity Has no Place.*—Lightness and frivolity have no place in Ingathering ranks. There is a time and place for fun, for laughter, for witticism; but Ingathering is not that time or place.

11. *Do Not Loiter.*—Move briskly, in a businesslike manner. Let others know that your time is valuable and you must make the best use of it.

12. *Cover Territory Thoroughly.*—Cover your territory systematically and thoroughly. Don't do haphazard work or skip about promiscuously. Respect territorial bounds. It is embarrassing to infringe on others' plans of labour.

13. *Accurate Statements.*—Be careful to properly represent the work. *Be sure your canvass is absolutely according to fact.* Let there be no misstatements. Our work is high and dignified. Its own appeal is sufficient. Do not make questionable statements.

14. *Tact.*—Study your prospect, and tactfully suggest the

amount he may wish to give. Do not ask for sixpence from a man who could readily give five shillings.

15. *Teamwork.*—Two solicitors working together are usually more successful than one. Teamwork is helpful.

16. *Adaptation.*—The same approach is not successful in all cases. The solicitor must adapt the method of approach to fit circumstances and individual cases.

17. *A Quick Work Pays.*—Don't drag the effort out. Do it quickly. Speedy returns are inspiring to others, and are especially necessary now. "The indications, yea, the positive revelations of Providence unite in urging us to do quickly the work that is waiting to be done."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. 9, page 114.

18. *Admonition Worth Repeating.*—If things don't go just right, keep working. Study your approach, your introduction, your presentation, your appeal. Seek to improve. Soul-winning is the most important business on earth and Ingathering is an important phase of soul-winning. Pray earnestly. "Search diligently for perishing souls." "Let us consecrate ourselves to the proclamation of the message, 'Prepare ye the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.'"—*"Christian Service,"* page 169.

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## South England Conference

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### Baptism at Cheltenham

ON Sabbath afternoon, March 30th, the members of the Gloucester and Stroud churches met with the church at Cheltenham to witness the baptism of two young ladies who had recently taken their stand for the truth.

Uniquely, both had also recently married American brethren who were members of

the U.S. Army in England. We believe that this baptism will bring much joy to these husbands who are now back in their own land and anxiously awaiting the arrival of their brides.

Our churches were glad that Pastor G. D. King was able to be present on this occasion. Before the baptism he addressed the two candidates, bringing home to each the significance of the ordinance and beseeching them to continue faithful to the faith which they had embraced.

The Church of Christ kindly permitted us the use of their Portland Tabernacle for the service. We wish to acknowledge this kindness and trust that soon we shall have others to follow the example of Christ our Saviour in passing through the watery grave.

LESLIE SHAW.

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### Southport Re-entered

It was during World War No. 1, that the Advent message was first brought to Southport.

At that time an enthusiastic church was organized and continued to operate for some little time. The years took their toll, however, and by removals and deaths mainly, the numbers of the faithful gradually faded away, until one earnest soul alone remained to keep alight the torch of truth in this beautiful seaside place.

Early in 1945 it was decided that the time had come for Southport to be re-entered. After surveying the possibilities, the writer and his family, together with Miss E. E. Cleary, as Bible instructor, moved in.

At first everything seemed to go well. Living accommodation was found with comparative ease, and the move quickly completed.

Then our troubles began! Problem after problem arose in regard to our halls, and finally

after weeks of negotiating, we were forced to start in a hall, which, though well appointed, was by no means ideal of approach. Further, with preparations being so protracted we were faced with a full-scale summer campaign in a popular seaside resort—by no means an attractive proposition, as every evangelist knows.

But our biggest blow was still to come! Speaking personally, we welcomed this great event with enthusiasm. Evangelically speaking, our campaign skies seemed to be tumbling about us! VE-Day—with its noise and its fireworks, its release of pent-up emotions and its gay abandon, its rapidly following apathy and indifference to all things serious—came thirty-six hours after our opening night!

The results were only too apparent all along. Attendances were small from the beginning—so small at times that only the divine promise that "His Word should not return unto Him void," gave us reason for hope for the end of it all. But though small, the attendances were basically constant. Slowly the transforming power of the Holy Spirit was seen at work, and surely, under His guidance, the distinctive truths of the message took their place in the people's hearts, and became dear to them. The climax to eleven months interesting work came on Sabbath afternoon, March 30th. On that occasion all nature seemed to rejoice with us, and we met in the beautiful Church of Christ, kindly put at our disposal by the local church officers.

A baptism is always a great occasion among Adventists, and we were happy to have the company, on that day, of representatives from Liverpool, Wallasey, Wigan, and Watford. Our guest of honour was Pastor H. W. McCrow of Manchester and our thanks go to him for the splendid help he rendered so willingly and at very short notice.

Eleven dear souls followed their Saviour through the watery grave of baptism, and rose to walk in newness of life by His side eternally. One other sister had been planning to be present on

this all-important day, but acute rheumatism, complicated by heart trouble, tied her to her bed. However, she had been previously immersed, and gladly she was received into church fellowship with the others.

Eleven of these new members will, in due course, form the nucleus of the company to be organized a little later here in Southport; while the twelfth, a native of Wallasey will unite with the church at Watford, where he moved quite recently.

Thus God in His mercy has established for Himself a witness in this lovely, but very self-satisfied place. He has called His own from various abiding places—Roman Catholic among them. One sister was introduced to us, indirectly, through the enthusiastic hymn singing of the Bible instructor at Pastor Maudsley's campaign at Blackpool! Oh, for more of this godly enthusiasm that wins souls! Will you please pray that the new-born children of God will grow, day by day, into the full stature of the servant of Christ, and that the nucleus here established, will speedily be expanded into a fully fledged church, joyfully awaiting His appearing?

In conclusion, I would like to pay tribute to the faithful service of Miss Cleary, who has participated fully in all these labours. This has been all the more appreciated in view of the anxiety she has suffered on behalf of her parents' health.

Summer visitors to Southport, and all friends, are cordially invited to join in any, or all, of the services now held as follows: Sabbath-school, 10 a.m.; Divine worship, 11 a.m.

These two services are held in The St. John Hall, Scarisbrick Street. The remainder of the meetings are as follows: Bible study, Sabbath, 3 p.m.; Evangelistic address, Sunday, 6.30 p.m.; Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.

These are held in the Temperance Institute, London Street. Both halls are near the main station. Remember! Re-entered Southport welcomes you.

K. A. ELIAS.

## Welsh Mission

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### Superintendent's Notes

YES, it's in full swing—the great Ingathering of precious funds for the rehabilitation of God's work in all the earth. One feels proud of the people of God as one observes their readiness to shoulder the burden and lift the load.

Already (by the time these notes reach you) Report No. 1 has been received and recorded. The first week is now nearly over—to-morrow, the second Sunday, will see the busy Ingatherers making the most of one more of the five Sundays. To-morrow night agents will be busily engaged in box-opening and preparing the second report. What is it to be? Will it be good—or as good as last year? We all hope so, and it will be—if you, dear individual member, do your part each week of this 1946 campaign.

Wales is out to run over the £2,000 mark as she has done the past two years. With last year's high attainment of over £5 per member collected, the Welsh Mission friends have an incentive. So let us watch and use carefully the remaining days of the month—there are not too many left.

Limited supplies are now available of

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### OUR ISOLATED FRIENDS

WE would welcome the help of you dear members who are not attached to a group of believers. Your contribution to the campaign would be appreciated. Our task is large—and the more hands that help to lift the load, the lighter it will be.

### A WORD TO THE AGENTS

PLEASE see that boxes and labels are ready for the returning Ingatherer, and will you please send on your report each Monday, regardless of the amount to be reported. Thank you so much.

### WATCH FOR OPPORTUNITIES OF SOUL-WINNING

THIS campaign affords an opportunity of meeting with truth-seekers and those in spiritual darkness. Why not ask the Lord to help you to meet such people so that you can find someone to whom you can bring light and liberty. Take careful note of the addresses of such—and pray that the campaign will be a soul-winning one this year.

S. G. HYDE.

### Changes of Address

#### LANCASTER AND MORECAMBE

VISITORS kindly note that the Lancaster meetings are now held in the Trades and Labour Hall, Fenton Street: Sabbath, 10.30 a.m.; Sunday, 6.30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.

The Morecambe services are held in the Liberal Club, Balmoral Road, Morecambe West End: Sabbath, 2.15 p.m.

All visitors heartily welcomed!  
S. H. PARKIN.

#### FOTHERBY AND LOUTH

THE members of the Fotherby company meet no longer in Fotherby but in the town of Louth. The address of the meeting place is: The Toc H Hall, Vicar's Lane, off Eastgate, Louth, Lincolnshire.

The services on Sabbath are as follows: Sabbath-school, 2.30 p.m.; Preaching service, 3.30 p.m.

E. ZINNS.

NEVER does the human soul appear so strong as when it foregoes revenge, and dares to forgive an injury.—Chapin.

# Plans for the 1946 Union Session

By A. Carey

IN several recent issues of the MESSENGER our Union President, Pastor H. W. Lowe, has made preliminary announcements concerning the forthcoming Union Session, the first to be held since 1936. He mentioned the difficulty of our catering for any catering and we would again reiterate such statements made by him.

In view of rationing being still in force and lack of utensils, both the Food Factory and the Sanitarium (now in process of rehabilitation) say it is impossible for them to undertake catering for so large a body of people as we expect to attend the session. Therefore we advise all to leave the meetings promptly so as to reach the available restaurants before the dinner rush hour begins.

Now we feel we should pass on to our believers some of the arrangements already made:

## 1. THE PLACE AND THE TIME

The Watford Town Hall is being rented to us from Thursday, August 1st to Sabbath, August 10th inclusive, and the doors will be opened by the Town Hall keeper at nine o'clock each morning.

## 2. THE MEETINGS

The first meeting will be on Thursday evening, August 1st, at seven o'clock.

The last meeting will be on Sabbath evening, August 10th, at seven o'clock.

**Sabbath Morning Meetings**  
Sabbath-school 9.45-10.45 a.m.  
Divine Service 11.00-12.30 p.m.

**Sabbath Afternoon Meetings**  
1st Sabbath 3.00-5.00 p.m.  
(A Missionary Symposium)  
2nd Sabbath 3.00-5.00 p.m.  
(Ordination Service)

**Sabbath Evening Meetings**  
Preaching Service 7.00-8.30 p.m.  
**Week-day Meetings**

The meetings on Friday, August 2nd and from Sunday, August 4th, to Friday, August 9th will be as follows:  
Devotional 9.15-10.30 a.m.  
Conference Session 10.45-12.00 noon

Bible Study 2.00-3.15 p.m.  
Conference Session 3.30-5.00 p.m.  
Preaching Service 7.00-8.30 p.m.

In addition to the above there will be meetings for the young people. Special provision for these is being made by the Union and Local Conference Departmental Secretaries.

## 3. MEAL TIMES AND RECESS PERIODS

Dinner, Week-days 12.00-2.00 p.m.  
Dinner, Sabbaths 12.30-3.00 p.m.  
Supper, each day 5.00-7.00 p.m.

## British Union Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists 1946 Session, August 1st to 10th

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## 4. APARTMENTS

A. W. Cook at 780 St. Albans Road, Watford, is in charge of the Apartments and Reception Committee. Send word as to your requirements to him at an early date. Please use the form printed on this page.

## UNTIL THE DAY BREAK

JOHNSON.—It is with regret that we announce the death of Brother Johnson of the Bristol church, who passed away at his home on Friday, March 29th, 1946, after a short illness. Brother Johnson was baptized by Pastor Morrison in 1928. He was laid to rest amid the spring flowers of Carnford Cemetery on the morning of April 3rd to await the call of the Life-giver. The Adventist family extend to his widow and relatives their deepest sympathy. The services were conducted at the home and at the graveside by the writer in the presence of many friends and relatives.  
H. MUSGRAVE.

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## SUNSET CALENDAR

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