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## A Spiritual Feast at Newbold

By E. W. MARTER

"AND they did eat throughout the feast seven days, offering peace offerings, and making confession unto the Lord God of their fathers." Thus did Israel under the leadership of good king Hezekiah (2 Chron. 30:22), and thus did we at Newbold recently under the leadership of Pastors E. L. Minchin and T. J. Bradley.

First, Pastor Minchin gave us a series of messages of encouragement and conviction.

From our Lord's gracious offer of "rest unto your souls" he showed us that there was deliverance from the burdens of toil, of sinful habit, of misunderstanding and false accusation, of failure, and of anxiety about those who are dear to us.

Then he faithfully warned us from the experience of Samson from whom the Lord was departed and he "wist it not," of the danger of being out of touch with God by neglect of the Word and by failing to maintain real communion with God.

From the experience of Moses who committed murder after looking "this way and that" and concluding that he was unobserved, but who eventually lived an eminently successful life "as seeing Him who is invisible," we learned the importance of setting the Lord always before us and walking as if in His presence.

In one meeting he showed us the horrible brood of evil dispositions that are the offspring of selfishness. In the next he assured us that the old self-nature could be kept under control by

constantly abiding in Him, without whom we can do nothing. And his last service was a ringing call to "Awake to righteousness, and sin not," by becoming "partakers of the divine nature" through dependence upon the "great and precious promises."

In Pastor Bradley's first meetings with us he amplified this same thought of the awakened, resurrected life, and we saw the truth of that principle of the God-dependent life: "When I am weak, then I am strong." Boldly he showed us the power

of sin and its insidious growth from a single act of transgression into an habitual attitude which finally sets into a hopeless state of wilful, defiant opposition to God. But just as boldly did he present before us that antidote for the power of sin, "the power of God unto salvation" that is "able to keep you from falling."

For two successive mornings we considered God's plan for us continually to "add" to our experience of His saving grace, and to be repeatedly "renewed" in the spirit of the mind. What an inspiration it is to know that "God is able to make all grace abound" toward His children, and that the path of the just may be as the light "that shineth *more and more* unto the perfect day."

The concluding meetings during the hours of the Sabbath were to us the great day of the feast. The many earnest testimonies on Friday evening answered the challenge: "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself and follow Me." The contrite and grateful prayers around the altar that evening were in themselves a soul-satisfying climax to the many earnest prayers which had ascended from individual hearts and from various bands and groups in preceding days. To this climactic service Sabbath morning brought a happy epilogue, when the Saviour, having been presented to us as "both Lord and Christ," seemed to claim from every heart the eager response of the re-assured disciple: "My Lord, and my God."

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### PRESIDENT'S RETURN

MEMBERS throughout the field will be glad to know that Pastor E. B. Rudge, accompanied by Pastor J. A. McMillan, has arrived back safely from the visit to America for attendance at the Autumn Council. Both brethren speak encouragingly of their itinerary in the U.S.A. and doubtless they will take the opportunity of giving their impressions to the membership by voice and pen in due time. It is good to hear again from Brother Rudge that our General Conference leaders are deeply interested in the growth and development of the work here in Britain, and that they are standing by us with counsel and practical support. Travelling on the same boat from America (the *Mauretania*) were Elders W. H. Williams, E. E. Roenfelt, and D. A. McAdams of the General Conference *en route* for visits further afield. We are glad to have these brethren in Britain for a few days on their way through.

### ENCOURAGING REPORTS

THE present year is rapidly drawing to a close and soon the reports of its achievements will be completed. The returns for the first nine months of 1948 are most encouraging as compared with those of recent years in this field. This is particularly true of the membership figures for the Union. It is some years since our membership reports revealed a substantial net gain and it is indeed good to see an "upward swing" in the most vital aspect of our work in the field. Each of the conferences and missions report a gain in membership, and, providing this gain is maintained, the final quarter of the year should show the largest figures we have seen for several years.

Let us hope and believe, pray and work, that progressive evangelism throughout the field will maintain the upward swing of our membership.

Equally encouraging are the financial reports for the nine months. The tithe returns indicate that each field is enjoying a substantial increase, revealing a loyal and faithful membership supporting the cause of God. Constantly we are reminded that the true spirit of the Advent movement is one of sacrificial service for the Master, and it is indeed encouraging to know that "the spirit of the Advent movement" is manifestly present in the hearts of the believers in this field.

Not the least of the "forward moves" of this year is the advancement made in our literature sales. Already there are indications that this year will be the best ever and that the more intensive leadership in the field is bringing satisfying returns. We look forward to a detailed report of a thrilling nature from the individual fields at the close of the year.

### HEALTH WORK

READERS of the MESSENGER will have read with interest of the development of the health food interests in Edinburgh and it is hoped that this is an earnest of a wider development in other places throughout the field, and of a wider range of healthful foods and drinks to augment our austere diet. Granose Foods Limited have progressive plans in mind and 1949 should see the production capacity of the Watford plant considerably increased. Brother George Norris, formerly associated with the factory and recently manager of the Health Food Factory in the Argentine and more recently still of Madison Health Food Co., Tennessee, has been called to return to the homeland as Assistant Manager of Granose Foods, with special attention to production. Old friends will be happy to welcome Brother and Sister Norris back to service in this field. It is expected that they will arrive with their daughter early in the New Year.

### MISSIONARY APPOINTMENTS

As already announced in the North England notes, Brethren A. W. Howard and M. Musgrave have accepted calls for service in mission fields overseas. Brother and Sister Howard will proceed to North-east India, where Brother Howard takes up the responsibility of the Union Publishing Secretary. Brother and Sister Musgrave will proceed to East Africa, where they take up mission station service in Tanganyika. The British Union and North England Conference are making a real sacrifice in releasing these valued workers, and it is a perplexity to know how to care for the duties they are relinquishing.

### CYPRUS CALLING

THOSE who were students of the old Stanborough College around the year 1920 will have happy recollections of Brother and Sister R. S. Greaves. Brother Greaves was preceptor at the College and has now been many years in mission service in Cyprus. In an interesting letter recently he mentions his work in that good field, and remarks that the island of Cyprus has many pleasing features, not the least of which are the fruits that grow in a pleasant sub-tropical climate. Brother Greaves indicates that the island offers many advantages to those who might wish to retire there and wonders if there are not "refugees" from Britain who might wish to find a happy home there. If any of our members are interested we shall be happy to pass on Brother Greaves' address.

### INTO 1949

SOON the New Year will be upon us with its opportunities for increased service in the cause of God. Church leaders for 1949 will be elected and we take this opportunity of thanking those who have served so faithfully during 1948. May all who serve in 1949 be given grace and strength for the duties that will come to them, realizing that the God whom we serve is "able to do abundantly above all that we ask or think."

G. D. KING.

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### Advent Message in Carlisle

NOT a whisper reached the Advent family while the attack on the border city of Carlisle was being prepared. By the time the news was published in the MESSENGER, regular Sabbath services were under way.

The difficulties we never heard much about, but with the Lord's help they had been overcome.

Accommodation couldn't be found for the evangelist nearer than the Solway shore, so he had tides to contend with to and from town. Getting smaller halls, heating, and seating, kept the three pioneers on the "qui vive."

At last the present little hall was secured, and has been our spiritual home ever since. It is much beloved by all. Before it was ready as a place of worship, much loving labour was bestowed upon it, by these same three pioneers and their helpers—cleaning, staining, and furnishing. Even then expenses occurred, but relying on God's guiding and wisdom given from above, by industry and willing hearts, money was forthcoming for necessities.

But what about the people? Seven persons were baptized and organized into a company. Sabbath-school, Sabbath afternoon

service, Sunday evening service, and mid-week Bible study functioned weekly. A Young People's Society was started and, last but not least, a Dorcas society, at which fine rugs were turned out by willing hands, and sold to raise funds, till to-day the Dorcas society is flourishing under its capable and earnest leader. Work is well advanced toward a sale to be held on December 6th, the proceeds of which will go to swell the Building Fund.

Another baptism brought three young people into closer fellowship, and the same week-end an Investiture was held, when quite a number were invested.

That was eleven months ago, and still another baptism was held on October 2, 1948, when seven persons were obedient to the command of their Lord and Master. One of the candidates was already holding office in the Sabbath-school, and one was helping in the youth work. Since then he has been appointed youth leader, and the work has flourished under his care.

The members of the youth club have enjoyed making and selling calendars, and a splendid spirit has been manifested throughout. We wish them God's blessing on their high aspirations for the future.

Now the Carlisle company numbers twenty-one. It is indeed encouraging that in "Canny Cumberland" there are loyal, true hearts who have taken their stand on the side of truth and light. Pastor B. F. Kinman has just terminated his stay among us, but we will never forget his loving ministry to one and all.

We are indeed blessed here in Carlisle in having Brother R. A. Darbyshire as his successor. Already he and his wife are winning their way into our affections, and we look forward in confidence to having the Lord's help to win some more Cumbrians to the ranks of truth and the thrill of the watching, waiting remnant. May God help each one of us to get our hearts prepared for Jesus' soon coming.

We are few in Carlisle, but there is a spirit of love among us, each esteeming the other better than himself. The Sabbath-school numbers twenty-four members—eleven adults and thirteen children. We are sorry that the Voice of Prophecy broadcast is not very good in our district. A good response was made in our annual Ingathering effort both by collectors and donors, and, true to the Border traditions, raids were made on the Scottish side to swell the grand total of the North England Conference!

AGNES MACKAY.

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### Notes from the Superintendent

WE have just concluded a very inspirational Week of Prayer. From South, West, Central, and North Wales reports have come to us that God's blessing has attended the services. It was a great pleasure to have Brother Meredith, our veteran Welsh leader, in our midst. He visited almost all of our churches and companies in the south during his stay and finished his tour by speaking to the new believers in Abergavenny. It was a pleasure to see a good company there, eighteen of whom were non-members.

THE WELSH MISSION WORKERS' AND LAY PREACHERS' COUNCIL

RECENTLY we called all our Mission workers together for a

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The neat little hall used by the Carlisle company.

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week-end autumn council at Newport. It was a most helpful occasion. Pastor G. D. King and Brother W. G. Baldry were with us and good attendances were experienced during the Sabbath services. The four young evangelists, Brethren Lewis, Watson, Freeman, and Emm, who went to Newbold for the Summer Seminary gave a brief survey of Elder Shuler's evangelistic methods.

On the Sunday we called in our lay preachers and dealt with such themes as the "Voice of Prophecy," "Literature Evangelism," and the "Technique of Presenting Bible Studies," in relation to our lay-evangelistic work in Wales. To sum up our council, two resolutions were unanimously passed. In brief they were:

(a) That we follow up the Voice of Prophecy interests as energetically as possible with a view to bringing them to fruition in full church membership.

(b) That as lay preachers and church elders we endeavour to build up our force of literature workers in Wales. Furthermore, that we aim to enrol at least 100 auxiliary colporteurs throughout our territory.

#### VOICE OF PROPHECY

ONE of the most interesting and productive of campaigns in Wales at the present time is the Voice of Prophecy. We have the names of seventy to eighty persons who have completed at least one course, and thirty of these have signed the Sabbath covenant. This does not mean that they understand altogether what is expected of them and some of those who have signed the covenant card are by no means as hopeful as others who have not committed themselves. There are three definitely keeping the Sabbath and attending our church in Swansea and there is a further good interest in the district. It keeps Brother Powell, elder of the church, busy almost every evening of the week!

I was deeply impressed with the faithfulness of our lay brethren when he told me of the experience which came to him and his wife recently. He was visiting a young man who was the son of

a farmer in North Pembrokeshire. He and his wife arrived at the nearest station ten miles away. There is only one bus every week to this isolated village, so they had to hitch-hike their way to the farm. When they arrived they found the young man was away, but returning that evening on the 6 p.m. train. After careful and prayerful thought they decided they must see this young fellow and after getting a description from the mother they arranged to travel up the line three stations and meet the train he would be on. They saw the station master and asked if he would announce by loudspeaker that a Mr. D. Edwards was wanted at his office. Brother Powell also asked if he would hold the train at the station for a few moments while he got the contact as it was the last that day.

When the train arrived Brother Powell commenced to search one end and Sister Powell the other! Our brother saw the young fellow just as the announcement was coming over the air! They got into an empty carriage and had a good chat about the things of God in the half hour it took to get to the young man's home station. It seems that he was contemplating training for the Church of England ministry when the Voice of Prophecy Programme came over the air. Now we are hoping and praying that young Mr. Daziel Edwards will be at Newbold when College opens next year.

There is an encouraging interest among Voice of Prophecy students in and around Porth, Cardiff, and Newport as well.

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#### FOR OUR YOUTH

OUR popular youth leader, Pastor E. L. Minchin, will be visiting South Wales during the week-end December 3rd to 5th. We are hoping that he will take the Missionary Volunteer service on Friday night at 7 p.m. at Newport, also the Sabbath morning service at that church. On the afternoon of December 4th we are planning an Investiture at Cardiff, when twenty Juniors hope to qualify as Helpers and Friends. Mrs. Haran has done splendid work in preparing them for this occasion. We are glad to invite our youth around Cardiff and Newport to these services.

J. M. HOWARD.

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