

The HOME FRONT

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THE CRUSADE IN BRITAIN TAKES A LEAP FORWARD!

You will all have heard by now of the wonderful spirit that was manifest of Teaching Conference in Blackpool. With the splendid response of the Friends there to the needs of the Crusade and the growing enthusiasm and determination which has since shown itself in different parts of the country, the whole work of the Crusade has entered a new stage in Britain. A great surge forward has begun; let us bend every effort to ensure that it grows with every passing week until we see the fulfilment of our beloved Guardian's hopes and the rapid increase in numbers which we all so long for will have begun.

As the first priority at the last N.T.C. meeting was pioneering, the Committee did not have time to consider all the suggestions which were put forward at Teaching Conference, but one at least is under way: Two correspondence courses on the Faith were prepared by the Consolidation Committee some years ago, and copies of these have now been sent to Madeline Hellaby and Louis Ross-Enfield for them to consider any amendments which might be advisable as a prelude to using them in the very near future on a wide scale.

At the N.T.C. meeting on 14/15th February the main business will again be consultation on pioneering projects, but it is hoped that other fruitful suggestions can also be considered then. Meanwhile let every believer devote his thoughts and actions to spurring on the steed of victory!

So that everyone can have a clear picture of the situation in the British Isles at the moment, we are giving a fairly detailed town-by-town description in the following pages.

"The Kingdom of God is possessed of limitless potency. Audacious must be the army of life if the confirming aid of that Kingdom is to be repeatedly vouchsafed unto it Vast is the arena, and the time ripe to spur on the charger within it. Now is the time to reveal the force of one's strength, the stoutness of one's heart and the might of one's soul." 'ABDU'L-BAHA.'

THE PRESENT SITUATION ON THE HOME FRONT

Goal Towns which are still unopened

Aberdeen Pioneers: Homayoun Dastan of Leicester & Jackie Thomas of London. Homayoun is facing visa and job difficulties which, we pray, will be soon resolved. Jackie will visit Aberdeen with Brigitte Hasselblatt during the last week in March to prospect for jobs and digs and make contacts. She intends to move finally in about September.

Bangor (Wales): Pioneers: Raffi Movaddat of Leeds and Iran Moussazadeh of Leicester. Raffi has to find a University which will give post-graduate training in electronics, so is now trying for Bangor, Aberdeen and Exeter, we are also looking into other possibilities. Iran volunteered for Shrewsbury, but there is no midwifery training hospital there and she is now trying Bangor instead.

Carlisle: Pioneer: Farzane Hemmati who is applying for midwifery training here.

Cork: Pioneer: Terry Dumm, of Liverpool, who is consulting with the E.A.T.C. about settling here.

Exeter: Pioneer: Betty Barnden of Hove who has a number of difficulties to surmount, including a house-sale before she can move to Exeter.

Gloucester: Pioneers: Ruhi & Dorothy Sabit of Reading, who are actively looking for a job here with a view to moving soon after Ridvan. Peter Jones, who is studying at Birmingham University, is also in Gloucester in vacation-time.

Inverness: Pioneers: Harold & Betty Shepherd of Manchester and Mrs. Bennett of Blackpool. They are going up at Easter time to prospect, and there is a very good likelihood of their being settled before long.

Peterborough: Ian & Pat Sinclair with Jane, of Leicester, who will move about June when their boat is ready.

Plymouth: Pioneer: Golrokh Sabit of Eccles volunteered for this

city and the N.T.C. is consulting on ways and means for getting her there after Ridvan, until when she is helping to preserve the Eccles Assembly.

Shrewsbury: Pioneer: Farzane Hemmati, as mentioned above, was unable to obtain work in this town for which she volunteered - so a pioneer is still needed.

York: Pioneer: Zohar Adl of Hull, she was unable to obtain a post here and so is also trying for Carlisle, and we pray that she and Farzane will succeed in their efforts to settle in this isolated and important town. Mehrnoosh Montadi of Birmingham, who volunteered to pioneer anywhere at all, and who should be comparatively easy to settle, is at present waiting until the N.T.C. meeting on 14/15th February by which time we should know which is the best place to ask her to go.

Opened Goal Towns

Bangor (Ireland): Now has 6 believers and a good likelihood of achieving Assembly status soon.

Canterbury: 4 believers. Margaret Lloyd, a fifth, is trying to settle, but is having job difficulty, and has been asked to try Cambridge as an alternative.

Chester: Now 3 believers.

Motherwell: Now 3 believers.

Newmarket: 1 believer, Mrs. Elaine Rogers.

Pontypridd: 1 believer, Miss Beatrice Newman.

Salisbury: 1 believer, Mrs. Florence Rideout.

Winchester: 1 believer, Miss Golden Kilford.

Groups with the goal of an Assembly by 1963

Loughborough: 2 youth.

Swinton: 2 believers.

Wokingham R.D.: 3 believers.

Lapsed Assemblies

Blackburn: Has 3, needs 6.

Cheadle: Has 7 believers and Bahadur and Shahla Haqjoo of Manchester are making every effort to move in so that the Assembly can be formed this Ridván. Please pray for their success.

Glasgow: Has 7, needs 2.

Hove: Has 8 and is determined to have its Assembly this Ridván.

Newcastle: Has 3, needs 6. Joe and Mary Jameson are trying to move in from Wallsend.

Torquay: Has 7, needs 2.

Established Assemblies

Belfast	14.	Dublin	6.	+Manchester	26.
Birmingham	15.	Eccles	8.	Northampton	9.
Blackpool	10.	Edinburgh	16.	Norwich	9.
Bournemouth	10.	Leeds	13.	Nottingham	12.
Bradford	12.	Leicester	9.	Oxford	9.
Bristol	14.	+Liverpool	13.	Portsmouth	10.
Cambridge	7.	+London	98.	Reading	10.
Cardiff	10.			Sheffield	8.

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