

The British Universities

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ABERDEEN. The term has been one of great opportunity, and we are glad to be able to report several decisions for Christ. A very happy week-end Conference was held with Mr. J. Darashah, B.A., as the speaker, culminating in a well advertised evangelistic meeting held in a large city church. This meeting drew a crowd of about 900, and we know of one definite decision. Previously a Student Service had been held in this church, when four members gave their testimonies, and a deep impression was made on a large audience. An address by the Rev. J. R. S. Wilson will long be remembered by members for its personal challenge.

Pray for the converts and the undecided, and also for a special effort which is being planned for the beginning of next term.

BELFAST. Special praise must be given for a good term's work, the provision of speakers, the sustained interest right through the term, and the splendid atmosphere in the gatherings. Outstanding events were: two Squashes for Medicals, when Dr. C. M. Ross told of his medical work in Qua Iboe, and one general Squash with Mr. Montague Goodman as the speaker, when we know at least one found the Saviour. Praise also for the starting of a D.P.M. in the Hospital and for the real interest which has been shown in the Sunday night open-air. Prayer is needed for the many who have been impressed and who are on the border line of decision, that they may be definitely won for the Master.

BIRMINGHAM. We do indeed thank God for His goodness to us during the past term, and especially for a Squash addressed by Bishop Taylor Smith, at which one at least came to a personal knowledge of Christ as Saviour. Numbers of others are showing definite interest in our Union, and yet one cannot help feeling that we are not making the headway we ought to do. Please pray that there may be a greater unity among our members, and that the personal individual witness may be made more effective in the coming year.

BRISTOL. We praise God for the guidance He has given us during a term of considerable difficulty, but we earnestly ask for prayer that we may continue to seek His will in all things, and that individually we may be granted a deepening in our spiritual life and a greater realisation of the need of those without Christ. We praise God for at least one conversion this term, and for supplying our financial needs. Three Squashes were held, and we have sent out Bibles with covering letters to the students from Overseas. Please pray for the Arts Squash to be held next term, and for one of the Halls where there is still no witness.

DUBLIN. (Women Students' Bible Union.) Praise God with us for the very real interest that was shown last term and pray that conversions may result. Please pray also for the Conference which is to be held next term. Eph. 3. 20, 21.

CAMBRIDGE. "The Lord hath made known His Salvation" to us and to others in a very real way this term. Many of us have gone on to know the Lord Himself in a new way, and we are learning what it means to walk with Him instead of merely working for Him; prayer is beginning to become a reality. Many have accepted the Lord as their personal Saviour, but we are at present failing to lead these young Christians on as we should. The Lord

has called us to undertake a Mission in the University next Michaelmas term; prayer alone is going to triumph.

C.W.I.C.C.U. We would join with others in praising God for His wonderful guiding care and love, for the many answers to prayer, and for the wider and deeper interest which has been shown in the various colleges. Please pray for the new Committee which takes office next term, and that, while aiming at the deepening of the spiritual lives of Christians in our meetings, we may reach out more widely as God leads us to those who do not know Him.

CARDIFF. Praise God for:—

1. Regular prayer meetings this term.
2. A well attended Squash held in January.
3. Interest aroused in and by the visit of Dr. Rendle Short.
4. Contacts which have been made with Mohammedans in the open-air.

Pray that newly elected leaders may be prepared and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, and that speakers may be provided for next term.

EDINBURGH. We would praise God especially for the wonderful Sunday evening gatherings held this last term. We know of a number of definite conversions as a result. Praise, too, for the way our financial needs have been met this term: also for a Squash for women students when Miss Olive Gibson was the speaker. Many foreign students were present, and we do ask prayer for these. Please pray also for Missionary and other Squashes to be held next term; for a Campaign in Musselburgh during the May holiday, and for the election of the new Committee early in May.

GLASGOW. Praise God with us for answered prayers this term and for guidance and strength which many of our members have received. There has been a strong Missionary spirit arising from meetings led by Mr. J. Darashah, Mr. Blumit, of Latvia, and Mr. Hansen and Mr. Herniman, of Peru. Devotional Meetings have been well attended and also the D.P.M's. Praise God for one definite conversion.

LONDON. We would joyfully add our note of praise to that which has sounded from so many other Universities for God's continued faithfulness to us during the past term. Especially we would remember the wonderful way He undertook for the International Students' Tea, and for the definite conversion which resulted from it.

Please pray for the new Committee which has just been elected.

LONDONDERRY. The most important event of the term was a short Campaign led by Mr. T. B. Rees, of the C.S.S.M. The meetings included a Squash at which forty students were present. Mr. Rees gave a series of talks on "The New Birth"—its necessity, nature, and results, and we know of some who were definitely helped. A weekly Bible Study was also started this term and has proved a great blessing. Pray that the seed sown this term may yet bear fruit.

LIVERPOOL. We praise God for two further professed conversions this term, and for the way He has used the three Bible Study Circles held each week to the establishing of younger Christians. The Lord has blessed to us two talks on Personal Witness and the accounts of His work in Dohnavur, Yunnan, and Latvia. A four days' Mission held in a poor neighbourhood during the Vac. resulted in a number of conversions, and in strengthening among ourselves.

MANCHESTER. In various ways the aspect is becoming brighter. Missionary interest is reviving, and a fortnightly Study Circle is now in full swing. We praise God for this, and also for the way in which He has enabled

us to make friendships with a number of overseas students. We ask prayer especially for these students, that they may not only be interested, but may yield their lives to the Saviour.

We have not made much impression on the University as a whole this term. Few have come to hear the message at our open meetings, and one feels that the personal work is at fault. Please pray that God will purge us of slackness.

READING. Praise God for greater keenness in the Union as a result of the visit of Miss Jean Strain, and for interest among non-members, and especially for a Squash at which Dr. Lumsden spoke, and which resulted in one conversion and, we believe, deep conviction of sin in others. Please pray for those who are still resisting. We also praise God for all the follow up work which has been done since, and for opening up the way for starting work in the men's Halls through Dr. Morris' stay in Reading. Pray for the continuation of this work.

Missionary interest was greatly stimulated by a lantern lecture by Mr. D. M. Miller on "The Decisive Hour in Africa's History"; but we would still pray that many more may respond to the call which went out so clearly that night.

SHEFFIELD. Missionary interest has been stimulated this term in answer to prayer by the visit of representatives from the C.I.M. and the S.U.M., and the home secretary of the Dohnavur Fellowship. A discussion on "Communism or Christianity" attracted about thirty students. Praise God for contacts established. The Lord marvellously opened the way for the visit of Miss Strain for the week-end March 16-20.

Overseas Universities

The following are extracts of news from Dr. Howard Guinness in Australia:

TASMANIA

"We spent a month in lovely Tasmania, and praise God for every moment of it. Our attack on Hobart and Launceston was again typical of the approach we are using everywhere. The Premier of Tasmania put his name to the Hobart card of invitation to bring together the people we wanted to touch, and the Mayor in Launceston. We appreciated their kindness and interest. In both places as a result the hotel lounge was crowded to its utmost capacity with the most unlikely people, and a good start was made. After each of these preliminary Gospel addresses a series of follow-up meetings was announced for the following week at the Y.M.C.A.'s concerned, and in each case proved really fruitful; some most difficult people were converted.

Parallel with these meetings were the school assemblies and lunch hour follow-up meetings, special squashes by invitation for the senior boys and girls, and the Crusader Rallies on a Saturday evening (boys and girls together); so you can imagine how busy we were kept. In all these meetings God blessed abundantly and sent us away from each place rejoicing in His Salvation.

A young business fellow who had been brought along by his Crusader friend was converted one evening. The next morning he walked into the office to be greeted with the remark, "What *has* happened to you, Bill, has someone given you £1,000?" When told the reason for the light in his face (of which he had been quite unconscious), his friend decided to come and see if there