

no arrangements are being made, and Dr. Guinness would value prayer that he may be guided aright in the matter of his future movements.

Encouraging news has been received from two of our ex-missionary secretaries, J. G. BILLINGTON and DAVID ADENEY. They are setting a splendid example by getting down in earnest to the hard work in which they were always exhorting us to share! Missionary volunteers are urgently required from this generation of students.

It is announced that the Kelvin Medal Award Committee have awarded the Kelvin Medal for 1935 to SIR JOHN AMBROSE FLEMING, F.R.S., in recognition of his services to electrical science and particularly of his invention of the thermionic valve. The presentation ceremony is expected to take place in the great hall of the Institution of Civil Engineers early in May.

The Kelvin Gold Medal is awarded triennially as a mark of distinction in engineering work or investigation of the kinds with which Lord Kelvin was especially identified.

DR. W. B. JOHNSTON and his brother, the REV. CECIL M. JOHNSTON, have reached Burma. They tell of some real spiritual work done for Christ on the voyage. Dr. Johnston expects to be at the B.C.M.S. Hospital in Kamaing, Upper Burma, for a year.

DR. JOYCE ROBINSON writes from Ludhiana, Punjab, of encouragement in the work in the villages, though the missionaries meet with mixed receptions in the places to which they go.

From Isfahan, Mr. J. N. HOARE and Miss I. M. DARLINGTON tell of a visit to a village when they were followed for about half a mile by a crowd who pelted them with mud and stones. They were able to stop in a shop, and tell the people of the love of Christ.

THE REV. and MRS. FRANK HOUGHTON are travelling extensively in China, studying the conditions and gathering information prior to producing a Study Circle book on China.

DR. LUCY FIGOTT, one of those who started the Women's Bible Union in Trinity College, Dublin, is working at Isfahan, where her hospital is full all the year. Miss JEAN W. FIGOTT writes that the Christian Church in Kerman is at a low ebb spiritually and needs a great deal of prayer.

DR. IVOR C. P. BEAUCHAMP has had to abandon temporarily the idea of getting to Sinkiang. He tells of missionary journeys in which he has met those who have been blessed by contact with the three "venerable lady teachers," the Misses French and Cable.

The British Universities

A. S. ALDIS, B.Sc., Hon. Prayer Secretary.

The report for this term promises to be a very brief one, on account of the fact that Dr. Wilder's tour which has been the outstanding event in the term's work is reported on fully elsewhere in the magazine. One may say here, however, that many of the Unions testify to the revival of missionary enthusiasm which has resulted from Dr. Wilder's visit. The most valuable work has been done among the members of the Unions; all have been enthusiastic in their appreciation of the blessing which Dr. Wilder has brought into their Union and the new Missionary vision which the members have been given.

In reading through the reports which have been sent in, two distinct impressions were left in my mind. One was the need for prayer, and the other was the fact that there was real cause for praise.

Union after Union mentioned in their report the difficulty they were having in running Bible Study Groups; the lack of interest, the falling off of numbers, and the

unsuitability of the I.V.F. Bible Study Course being variously cited as the experience of the Unions. Much prayer we feel is needed along this line, that the Bible Study Circles in our Unions may become a real success. One practical suggestion which has emerged from the Conference at Swanwick was voiced by Dr. Martin-Lloyd Jones, who stressed the importance of right leadership in the Bible Study Circle. He was strongly of the opinion that the Unions should look outside their own ranks among those who were experienced and capable Bible teachers, to find their leader. To use Dr. Lloyd-Jones' own words, "If the fare provided at the Bible Study Group is satisfying, students will not be slow to avail themselves of it."

But while these difficulties have been felt by most of the Unions, yet the reports also reveal real causes for praise in answered prayer. It is to be feared that we sometimes persevere for a time in prayer, but when the answer is delayed we become discouraged and forget to look for the answer, and may perhaps even fail to recognise it when it comes. It was therefore a great joy to recognise in the reports at least three definite answers to our prayers.

For several years we have been praying for Aberystwyth, where the work has been so difficult in the past, and this term's report brings us surely God's answer, for we read that several keen students have come up and that there are now some 12 to 15 students who are keenly interested in the Fellowship. Let us pray on with renewed faith.

Cardiff too has been prominent in our prayers for a long time, and their report is filled with praise; numbers have been almost doubled, a witness has been established in new Colleges, and the Union is praising God for six conversions.

The need of the work among men at Reading has also been emphasised time and time again in prayer requests that have been sent out, and we now learn that there are four men members and that the total numbers have gone up considerably. Reading is indeed proving the power of prayer, and they stress in their report the tremendous help they have received through the Reading Prayer Circle, which is a company of praying people in the town who are kept in touch with the needs of the Union and who support the work by prayer. May I commend this idea of a local prayer circle to other Universities which have not yet tried it; I feel it would prove a real source of power.

So let us praise God for these answers to our prayers, and let us take courage to go forward in greater faith during this next term.

Overseas Universities

NORWAY

Prayer is asked for the Conferences of Norwegian students, to be held at Viken, near Gjøvik, from July 4th-9th, and at Stord, August 9th-13th. It is the privilege and duty of members of the British Evangelical Unions to remember in prayer these main activities of the sister movement in Scandinavian countries with which, we hope, we may have increasing fellowship in the years which lie ahead. The Lord has already greatly blessed their efforts and provided them with a most inspiring and enterprising circle of leaders.

GERMANY

An English student in Germany writes: "Are the members of the I.V.F.E.U. aware that of late there has been a great fall in the number of English visitors to Germany? If Christians are to be the salt of the earth, it seems to me good that they should visit peoples of other nations, even in places where the Gospel is officially recognised. . . . For even in these countries there is great restlessness and uneasiness. Is it not our duty to neutralise this ferment as far as we can? . . . It might be sup