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**CLERGYMAN AND PASTOR.**

**Preferment and Appointment in Hampshire.**

The **Rev. James Greig Douglas**, minister of Westbury Avenue Baptist Church, London, came to Bournemouth a few weeks ago, and spoke at Rosebery Park Baptist Church, **Pokesdown**. As a result he was asked to become pastor of the church, and has consented to transfer to Bournemouth for a time, and is to commence his work there on January 7. As a lad he spent much time in the Lymington district of the New Forest.

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Ald. A. E. Cornwell, of Parkstone, was the speaker at the "after church" gathering held at the Palladium Southbourne on Sunday evening. There was another good attendance, and the subject was "What Christ Means to Me." Five minute testimonies were given by two local people.



SOUTHBOURNE'S OWN CINEMA

Telephone 163 Southbourne

"PALLADIUM"

THE HOUSE OF QUALITY

Fisherman's Walk.

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## **SCOPE FOR BAPTISTS**

### **Suggestions at Lymington District Meeting**

Baptist extension in Bournemouth and a general widening of Baptist activities were discussed at the annual meetings of the Bournemouth and Lymington branches of the Southern Baptist Association at Ashley (New Milton) Baptist Church on Wednesday afternoon.

The establishment of a church at Tuckton was declared a necessity by Mr. F. Watts, who said that there was a very wide area without any church or Sunday School.

The Rev. E. G. Rudman, Rosebery Park Baptist Church, **Pokesdown** said that a splendid nucleus for a Baptist congregation existed at Moordown.

Both suggestions will be discussed by a special committee.

# Visit of Mr. Hugh Redwood

## BIG MEETING AT ASTORIA CINEMA

The Astoria Cinema was packed on Sunday many people having to stand to hear an address by Mr. Hugh Redwood, the Fleet Street journalist, and author of "God in the Slums" and "God in the Shadows."

Mr. Redwood, who had already preached twice on the same day at the Rosebery Park Church, was accompanied on the stage at the Astoria by members of the Salvation Army, and told how the turning point in his life came when he witnessed the distress and suffering caused by the flooding of the Thames in 1928. "I immediately identified myself," he said, "with the human salvage work undertaken by the Salvation Army and ever since then I have been blazing the trail for Christ."

"The world to-day is torn with dissension and suspicion and misunderstanding. The crying need is for a recrudescence of the Christian faith as exemplified in the New Testament.

"People see civilisation crumbling, they see the heavens black with the clouds of war, although less than twenty years ago they vowed that never again would they think of it. They feel themselves in a current which is sweeping them swiftly and inevitably towards a fearful doom.

"But the spirit of God is striving with man to-day, striving with him against the massed and embattled forces of evil. If the world should hear the voice of God and obey His call, there is just the chance that a mighty victory shall be won.

"Cease to be 'nice respectable Christians' and get to grips with reality."

## Visit of " Dick " Sheppard

One of the most popular features of the Sunday services was the visit of Canon Sheppard to an "After Church Service" at the Astoria Cinema, Boscombe. There was an audience of 3,000 in the cinema and even so hundreds of people were unable to gain admission.

Before the service began Mr V. Johnson Lewis, the popular Astoria organist, gave a recital.

The Rev. Eric Southam, of All Saints', Southbourne presided, and a number of Nonconformist speakers were on the platform.

Canon Sheppard said: "In time of crisis men would only listen to those who had a spiritual outlook. If statesmen really know what was in the hearts of the people they would be on the side of the

There is only one force that can save the world, and that is the spiritual force," he said.

He made an appeal for the exercise of courage and for the recovery of their faith, assuring them that God was ready to forgive and to give them the strength to continue in the new life.

"This country and the world cannot be preserved unless the religion we affirm gets right into our hearts and life, and unless we stand for the principles of Christianity," he concluded.

# Minister of Labour at Astoria

## DENOUNCES PRINCIPLES OF DICTATORSHIP

"To-day there is too much talk about abstract things such as humanity and brotherhood, whereas the gospels show Christ as saying or advising something direct and concrete." Thus stated the Rt. Hon. Ernest Brown, M.P., Minister of Labour, when he spoke in the Astoria Cinema, Boscombe, on Sunday last.

On the same day he spoke at the Palmerston Road Baptist Church in the morning, and at the Rosebery Park Church in the evening. His visit was made in connection with the Baptist Church advance campaign.

Speaking at the Astoria Cinema, the Rt. Hon. Ernest Brown denounced the principles of dictatorship. He said that the cry that the individual is nothing and the State is the important factor, is a devil's doctrine which leads to disaster. Referring to the fact that during the last twenty years the power of the churches had become less effective Mr. Brown said: "Ministers have forgotten that it is not enough to say soft words in the pulpits. There are some very hard things that need saying to the human heart."

The meeting was presided over by the Deputy Mayor of Bournemouth (Alderman J. R. Edgecombe), who was accompanied by the Rev. A. S. Campbell (Boscombe Baptist Church), and the Rev. E. G. Rudman (Rosebery Park Church).

The singing was led by the Bournemouth Labour Male Voice Choir, under Councillor M. Dando; the choir also sang choruses. Mr. Johnson Lewis, the popular Astoria organist, was in attendance.

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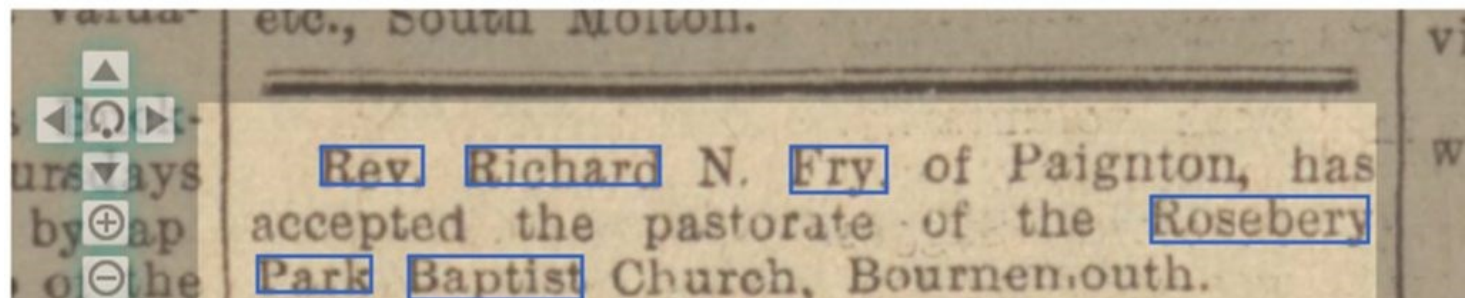


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## UNION OF BAPTIST YOUTH

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### Inter-Relation of Interests and Efforts

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The winning of youth for Christ was the subject emphasised in his presidential address by Mr. C. J. Sims at the autumnal gatherings of Baptist Churches in the Bournemouth and Lymington district, held at West Cliff Church, Bournemouth.

The Rev. R. N. Fry (Rosebery Park), Baptist Forward Movement Commissioner, referred to their share of the Baptist Union scheme, for which the district is hoping to raise £1,000.

Further development, he said, would rest very largely with the young people themselves. The aim was to get into touch with all the youth organisations in the respective churches, and to weld them into a Union, so that there could be an inter-relation of interests of efforts.

The delegates gave details of existing activities, and it was noticeable that an earlier hour for meetings had been decided upon.

# CRACKING THE GOTHIC LINE

## HAMPSHIRE BATTALION'S NOTABLE PART EXAMPLE OF THE FIGHTING SPIRIT

I should like to dwell a little on the part (which earned immortality at Tabourba in 1942) played by a battalion of the Hampshire Regiment in this action. I saw for myself the sector of the Gothic defences which they had to break down and they were continuously in the lead of the brigade from the crossing of the Metaure River on August 25th until the 30th of August.

### THE ACTION DESCRIBED

Here is a summarised account of the action as given to me by a Staff Officer who was in touch with the general situation throughout. "On the 25th of the month we went into action by the crossing of the Metaure River and continued the advance for five days against slight opposition. On the 30th we came up against the Foglia River which was the beginning of the main defences of the Gothic Line

### DEEP DUG DEFENCES

"The Gothic defences we encountered were deep dug in earth. There was no wire, although preparations had been made for the erection of wire. The orchards and vineyards on the north side had been felled with real German thoroughness to clear wide fields of fire. And we had to tackle mine fields both real and dummy and placed so that our advance was canalised into areas that were covered by prepared firing positions. Advance we did, but it was hard.

"The ammunition and supply question was also a matter of great difficulty. Companies started running out of ammunition and every available driver, batman and orderly was thrown into this most urgent task. Another difficulty too was to know where exactly the companies were on the hillside during the hours of darkness. This was made



a little easier during the crossing of the Foglia river by a farm house catching fire and lighting up the countryside for several hundred yards around. Wireless contact was maintained with the forward rifle companies which was used continually to ask for support from our own artillery. One company commander, to locate his position called for a round or two of artillery five hundred yards west of a known point which we may call point 500. The fire was put down and then he sent this message back. "Thank you very much. I now know I am five hundred yards west of point 500." That, in brief, is the outline of the part the Hampshire's played in the cracking of the Gothic Line, which will long stand high in their history.