

The MISSIONARY WORKER

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Convention and Council at Gland.

By J. HARKER.

ON Wednesday, December 20th, representatives from the Stanborough Press, the Field Missionary Department, and the Home Missionary Department, crossed the channel to attend a Publishing and Home Missionary Convention at Gland, Switzerland. This meeting was held in connection with the European Division Council at which delegates from all parts of Europe, excepting Russia, were in attendance.

There, within a few miles of Lausanne, where some of the world's greatest statesmen are trying to solve difficult problems relating to the temporal interests of Europe, God's representatives gathered together to consider troubled Europe from the standpoint of its spiritual interests. It is interesting to note what the Spirit of prophecy has said regarding present conditions, and what may be expected from gatherings such as the Lausanne Conference.

"There are not many," it is stated, "even among educators and statesmen, who comprehend the causes that underlie the present state of society. Those who hold the reins of government are not able to solve the problem of moral corruption, poverty, pauperism, and increasing crime. They are struggling in vain to place business operations on a more secure basis. If men would give more heed to the teaching of God's Word, they would find a solution of the problems that perplex them."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 13.

Is it not comforting to know that amid the terrible distress and perplexity everywhere prevailing, God has His representatives on the earth—those who are giving heed to the teaching of His Word and seeking to solve present-day problems in the light of divine revelation?

It is a privilege also to know what God has purposed for Europe in connection with the last message. Twenty years ago the following counsel was sent to the brethren in charge of the work in this part of the world field:—

"I have words to speak to you. The time has come for much to be accomplished in Europe. A large work, such as has been done in America, can be done in Europe. Let sanitariums be established, let hygienic restaurants be started. Let the light of present truth shine forth from the press. Let the work of translating our books go forward. I have been shown that in the European countries lights will be kindled in many places."

The Council at Gland gave very definite evidence of the fulfilment of the closing prediction, as quoted. Truly, lights have been "kindled in many places," and a great work is going forward in these hard-pressed countries. Over 60,000 believers have been baptized in sixty-five different languages. The progress of the work in some of the Catholic countries is almost phenomenal. Brother Paulini, president of the

Rumanian field, reported 779 additions during the first nine months of last year. He likened the growth in membership during 1922 to the growth of mushrooms after rain. It was impossible, he stated, for their small force of workers to keep pace with the interests springing up in all parts of the field. God is working a mighty deliverance for the people living in these Catholic countries. Needless to say, the priests are becoming greatly disturbed. In Czecho-Slovakia a picture play has been written by a priest which is being exhibited as a warning against the "poisonous heresy" of the Adventists. It describes a woman who left the true fold, destroyed all the sacred pictures and images in her home, drove her husband to drink, and persisted in following this new teaching. The story goes on to tell how the husband finally died an awful death in delirium tremens. This brought the woman to realize her mistake. In great agony she made her confession, restored the pictures, and was finally rescued from the "delusion."

At the convention the publishing interests were given the most careful consideration.

Every phase of literature work came up for discussion. While on the one hand plans were made for increasing the facilities for producing the printed message, on the other hand the work of the trained colporteurs, together with that of the large army of lay workers in the churches, was more fully organized, so that a great forward move in our united campaign for souls might be witnessed in every country in the European Division. It was the conviction of the president, Elder L. H. Christian, that "Adventists have never faced such possibilities as they do to-day." We believe this conviction was shared by every one of the sixty-five delegates present. May we here, in this land, graciously spared from much of the distress and trouble experienced by our brethren on the continent—may we not fail to come into line with God's purpose to accomplish great things through the last threefold message in spite of every opposing influence.



Definite Work for Every Church.

MUCH is lost to the cause of Christ through the neglect of churches in regard to definite undertakings in the name of the Lord. God has set before this denomination a very definite task. They are to carry a warning message to every part of the world. The success gained in this work is due very largely, if not wholly, to the definiteness with which the work is carried forward. We believe if churches would set themselves a task in spreading a knowledge of the truth in places where the message is unknown, fruit would be seen

from the efforts put forth. There are thousands surrounding every church who know nothing of present truth. We are convinced that a large proportion of the forty-five millions in Great Britain do not know what we as a people believe and teach.

Recently a brother who had spent some time in a large institution where persons were gathered from all over the country, expressed his great surprise that not one in the building knew anything about Seventh-Day Adventists. There are whole towns in a similar condition. In connection with the present literature campaign, would it not be a good thing for church committees to get together and decide on working a town, village, or some definite territory? This work will require some organization and it should have the full support of the entire church.

We are glad to know that two churches have plans already well in hand for this kind of work. The Home Missionary Department of one of these churches has got out the following appeal:—

The Home Missionary Department of the Watford Town Church.

Will you help us to make the above department a live one during 1923? Kindly place an 'x' at the side of one or more of the following lines of work. This will help us to plan for all to have a part in the missionary endeavours of the church and will also help to bring about our desired aim of twenty-one souls by July 1st.

- Bible work
- Tract delivering
- Bill delivering
- Visiting
- Selling "Present Truth" and "Good Health"
- Writing missionary letters
- Donations to Tract Fund.

Signed.....

This church is taking a large quantity of the illustrated tracts for distribution. A series of Sunday night addresses is planned for. They are organizing to faithfully work the territory surrounding the church, and the whole church is rallying round the goal of twenty-one souls by July 1st. This is the kind of work that should be done by every church. "The light that God has given is not to be shut up within the churches that already know the truth. It is to be shed abroad into the dark places of the earth."

Dear brethren and sisters, let us seek a burden for the souls about us. "Everything in the universe calls upon those who know the truth to consecrate themselves unreservedly to the proclamation of the truth as it has been made known to them in the third angel's message."

Read again the offer of tracts at an unusually low price in the centre pages of the last **MISSIONARY WORKER**. Think of the shortness of time. Remember there are souls whom *you* can reach—those who will gladly accept the light, and throughout eternity shine as stars in the diadem of our great Redeemer.

J. HARKER.



CHURCH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

News Items.

A LITERARY and musical programme was given in the College dining-room by the children of the Stanborough Park church school on Wednesday evening, December 20th. Every available seat was occupied by interested listeners. Many of the items were encored and the children were delighted to repeat them. At the close a silver collection was taken, amounting to three guineas. Every child had a part on the programme, and all did their parts very well.

THE period examinations for the children were all taken before the holidays. Those receiving the highest marks for

the past period were Martha Reese, David Clarke, Edgar Warren, Hilda Carey, Clarice Throssell, Grace Willis and Leona Howard.

THE church-school teachers from Plymouth and Leigh-on-Sea spent their holidays at the Stanborough College. The normal director had several conferences with them concerning their future work for the year. The teachers report advancement along every line and the children are having a real experience in the things of God.

THE total number of children gathered together in *our own schools* for the past term is sixty-seven, but we are looking forward to a larger number for this coming term, since two more churches are opening schools and an increased attendance is expected in the schools that are now opening for the second term. Let us all remember these children and teachers in our prayers.

MISS MABEL SAVAGE left Thursday, January 4th, for West London, preparatory to the opening of school on Monday the eighth. Miss Chamberlain will give her valuable assistance.

THE church at Walthamstow is planning on opening its school on January 9th. Miss Annie Tapping will have charge and Mrs. Piggott will assist her during the morning session.

OUR Stanborough school resumed work on Wednesday, January 3rd. The children report a happy and pleasant vacation and all expressed themselves as being glad to begin their school work again. The visitors at our school this past week were Miss Lily Lewis, Miss Milne, Miss Douglas and Mrs. Gillatt.

MRS. H. H. HOWARD.



Help for the Blind.

IN connection with the present literature campaign we have had placed at our disposal a limited supply of tracts in braille type for the benefit of our blind brethren and sisters.

They will read the tracts themselves and loan them out to others similarly afflicted. We find, however, that the requests for this literature far exceed our present supply. More can be prepared at a comparatively small cost, but there are no funds available.

Will any who are disposed to help a little in providing what is needed for those so unfortunately situated, kindly communicate with the Home Missionary Department, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts.

J. HARKER.

Obituaries.

WRIGHT.—On December 20th at her home in Sheepcote Lane, Watford, Mrs. S. Wright, one of the oldest members of the North London church, passed peacefully away at the age of eighty-six years. For two and a quarter years she was a patient at the sanitarium, during which time she won the love of all around her by her patience and cheerfulness under most trying circumstances. She was familiarly known as "Grandma" to the sanitarium family, and it was a privilege to visit her room, where young and old could always find a word of comfort and cheer. She loved the truth, into which she came under the labours of Elder D. A. Robinson nearly thirty years ago, and her heart was filled with gratitude for the many blessings it brought her. A service was conducted at her home on Sabbath afternoon, December 23rd, by Elder M. N. Campbell, in the presence of a number of old friends. Her favourite hymn, "I am resting in the shadow of the cross of Calvary" was sung. She was laid to rest on December 27th in the little churchyard of Horndon-on-the-Hill, Essex, in the family grave. She died with a full assurance of a part in the first resurrection. She leaves twelve children to mourn their loss.

V. WALKDEN.

JEFFERIES.—Sister Jefferies, of the Watford Town church, passed peacefully away on Friday evening, December 29th. Our sister accepted the truth about six years ago through the labours of Pastor J. D. Gillatt. Although almost isolated owing to the long distance she lived from the church, and to her advanced age, she remained faithful and loyal to the end. Our sympathies go out to Brother Jefferies, who is now left alone to mourn his loss. The burial took place in the Watford Cemetery where we left our sister "till the day dawn and the shadows flee away."

A. S. MAXWELL.

Another Year of Progress at The Stanborough Press

By the Manager

OUR people generally will be interested to read something of the success that has attended the work of their publishing house at Stanborough Park. While these lines anticipate the rendering of the annual report, the work of the auditor has progressed sufficiently to warrant the statement that the financial showing will be all that could be expected. The various department managers have done their work faithfully and well, proper economy has been exercised in the administration of affairs, and in general the good spirit prevailing in factory and office has tended to assure the blessing of the Lord.

Quite a number of rather large tasks presented themselves during the year. Perhaps the one that is most readily recalled is the Harvest Ingathering issue. This was a big task, but the papers were delivered right on time, to the pleasure of the Home Missionary Department. One hundred thousand of these papers were printed, and some thousands were sent to outlying British fields, notably the Caribbean and Malaysian. Perhaps it would not be out of place to say that the work on the coloured cover was generally conceded to be of a very high order indeed.

In this connection it will be of interest to report that the workers in the Press went over their goal in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. In fact they more than doubled it. The goal was set for £100. The final figures showed something over £250 turned in to the treasurer. The "Big Day" contribution from the office amounted to £16.

Despite the accident that kept the union "general," Brother Fishell, out of the field for a number of weeks, our colporteurs and field secretaries conducted an aggressive and successful campaign with the large books. The sales figures will be reported by the department, but it may be of interest to say that in spite of some difficulties the sales have compared very favourably with those of the past "big" years. Better still, letters from interested people keep coming to the office. One person who purchased a book from a colporteur expressed a very practical interest in foreign missions by a donation of £50 to the Harvest Ingathering.

All have noted the new plan in the publishing of the MISSIONARY WORKER. This has been made possible through the generous co-operation of the conferences. Bright and newsy as it should be, the WORKER will fill a very definite place in the field.

It is gratifying to report that both of our periodicals, "Present Truth" and "Good Health," will be found on the "gain" side of the loss and gain report. This is evidence of careful planning by the editors and hearty support by our people generally. While the margin of gain is small, it is an indication of progress.

Five editions of the new "Steps to Christ" have been printed during the year. The fifty-fifth thousand is now going into the hands of the public, and there is evidently a wide field for this splendid little volume. Complimentary notice was taken of the book in one of the larger and more influential secular journals of the north, and the high quality of the colour work is again a tribute to the factory. Various publishing house managers and conference executives have written in from fields abroad giving it

their unqualified approval; some have stated that in general it was superior to anything of its class that they had been privileged to see. In fact, one conference president wished to frame the cover to hang in his office.

While speaking of the work of the factory, mention should be made of the fact that one of our composing room employees received second prize and the silver medal in competition with a large class in the trade examination conducted in the City of London. This gives us much pleasure, showing, as it does, the interest taken in good workmanship by our staff.

The office has contributed its quota to the strengthening of other departments of the work. Brother Osborne, the efficient treasurer, has been elected assistant manager of the neighbouring institution and took Brother Barras, our "head of stock" with him to the office. In return, however, we have had the good fortune to secure Brother Marsh, for many years head of the type room, and more recently manager of the Sanitarium, to head the circulation department. Brother Whiting, who knows by experience the need for prompt service to colporteurs and church secretaries, has charge of the stock room.

Needless to say it was with a degree of regret that we released our former circulation secretary, now Mrs. Clifford, from our service. We believe the good wishes and prayers of our people generally will follow these splendid young people in their labours in South Africa.

This has been intended as a little talk with our constituents about the work of the office during the past year. The editor, who is fully able to judge of the accuracy of the statements made, will no doubt add a few remarks regarding future plans.

G. L. GULBRANDSON.

The Press Circulating Department

Notes and Announcements

At the recent Publishers' Convention held at Gland, Switzerland, we were amazed at the courage and high spirits manifested by those who had so many difficulties to report. It is true that we have a lot of unemployment to reckon with, but it is also true that there are some signs of an improvement in trade for 1923. In any case let us keep up our courage for, as Brother Christian emphasized on several occasions at the Convention, "there will be no crisis in our work so long as we trust in God and keep the crisis on the outside."

We have much to be thankful for here in this dear old country of ours; it is easily the most favoured country in all Europe. Take, for instance, the selling of our periodicals by our churchmembers. In some parts of Europe the law does not allow our

brethren and sisters to sell papers at a profit to themselves unless they are regular canvassers. Does it not seem as though we should take more advantage of our privilege in this matter? We do not know how long we may be so favourably placed. Brother Conradi predicted in a most impressive sermon on Sabbath, Dec. 23rd, that in a very little while conditions will be changed "even in good old England." So let us work while we may; let us make to ourselves friends through the medium of our periodicals, "The Present Truth," and "Good Health." It is a fact, you know, that "people like reading our literature," as Brother Christian said at one of the Convention meetings. Why not give more people the chance! Over in Japan, Brother Hall told us, fully half of the literature sold was the result of work done by our native churchmembers, where the difficulties are numerous, and in Rumania Brother Paulini reported that 700 members had been received into the church in nine months largely through the efforts of our churchmembers!

"Present Truth" No. 2 is now ready for shipment. We are waiting for your orders; if you have not ordered already please do so at once or you may be disappointed. Of course you understand we require all orders for churchmembers to come through our church secretaries. We printed 28,000 copies of No. 1; every copy was sold and a few orders were received too late. But we are sure that another 2,000 copies could be handled to good advantage if all our churchmembers would try to sell a few to their friends and neighbours. 30,000 copies is the minimum number that we should print in order to cover the cost of publishing the paper. Now January 7th is the date for ordering No. 2, but we will hold ourselves in readiness to print a further supply until the 10th, after which we cannot guarantee delivery. "Present Truth" is the best religious paper published in this country—it contains the truth that we all so much prize—let us all try to make it the means of bringing at least one member into the church during 1923.

With regard to "Good Health" we shall be glad if all our churchmembers will interest themselves in selling a few hundred copies in their respective districts. "Good Health" is an easy selling periodical. It is published in first-class magazine style, and it is the best medium we have for making friends for the truth. Brother Christian is most anxious that we shall build up the circulation of "Good Health," and he views with alarm the fact that there is a disposition in some of our churches to do nothing for its support.

The minimum number that should be printed of "Good Health" in order to make its publication a safe financial proposition is 25,000. We printed this number of the Christmas issue, but so far we have not yet disposed of 18,000 copies of the January number. Now, brethren and sisters, let us have a few more orders for the January "Good Health"

PLEASE NOTE. If less than one guinea's worth of tracts are required kindly state which subjects we are to send as the packets of 100 cannot be broken. We hope, too, that our people will realize that this offer is a remarkable one and will probably never be repeated. The 100 sets now offered at £1. 1s. are worth four times this sum. We advise our churches to lay in a good stock for they will not become obsolete.

during the next few days, and if those churches where none are at present being circulated will plan to take two or three hundred copies beginning with the February issue we shall reach our 25,000 mark quite easily, and be satisfied for the present!

Please note that the February "Good Health" is to be ordered on January 21st with "Present Truth" No. 3.

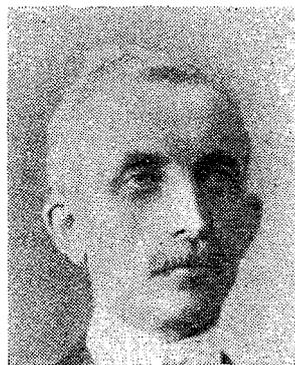
We shall be glad to receive a few copies of this present quarter's Sabbath-school lesson pamphlets if there are some to spare in any of our churches. There is also a shortage of the Junior Sabbath-school lesson pamphlets. We shall ask our Sabbath-school secretaries to order much earlier for the second quarter's supply.

We are trying the plan of sending parcels hitherto sent Parcels Post by passenger train. The charges are considerably cheaper and if the delivery is satisfactory we shall adopt this method for most of our parcels. In districts where the railway company does not deliver, this method will not be available, of course, and we shall be glad to hear how the experiment works. If the delivery is not prompt, or otherwise unsatisfactory please let us know, for we have nothing but your welfare under consideration.

E. H. MARSH.



The Sabbath-School Department



"THE church at study," "The nursery of the church," and "The university of the movement" are some of the names by which our Sabbath-schools have been called. We can truly say that the Sabbath-school is one of our most important institutions. It is our pioneer organization. We have Sabbath-schools before we have

churches. The "Testimonies" speak of the Sabbath-school as one of God's greatest instrumentalities to bring souls to a knowledge of the truth; a universal Bible school for the elementary training of workers and a special factor in providing financial support for foreign missionary enterprise.

The following recommendations were voted by the British Union Conference for the Sabbath-school work:—

1. Every churchmember a member of the Sabbath-school.
2. Present and on time every Sabbath.
3. Daily study of the lesson.
4. Every teacher a personal worker and qualifying to be an ideal teacher.
5. Every school aiming to have a teachers' class.
6. The weekly offering goal 1/- per member.

The latter is a very small investment when we think of what Christ did for us. The large returns in the coming kingdom will well repay the investor. We cannot invest too much for the expansion of God's kingdom. It is good always to stir our minds with a passion for expansion, feel the tonic of growth, know the satisfaction that comes from perpetual enlargement.

The foreign mission work to a large extent is dependent upon our home Sabbath-schools. "The light that shines the farthest shines the brightest nearest home." May all Sabbath-schools be brilliant lights

Give every Home Department member the opportunity and privilege to give every week. These offerings and the birthday offerings will help the church to reach its goal.

I pass on to our superintendents a suggestion that I gathered from one of our local conference secretaries' letters.

"One suggestion has recently been received from one of our most successful Sabbath-schools. It is with reference to the thirteenth Sabbath offering and what the children may do towards increasing it. In

the school they have a box which they call a children's box. During the quarter, either weekly or otherwise, the children bring in their pennies and deposit them in this box for the thirteenth Sabbath. They are not able to bring in a large offering at the end of the quarter but the little droppings during the quarter make quite an appreciable gift when they are gathered together at its close."

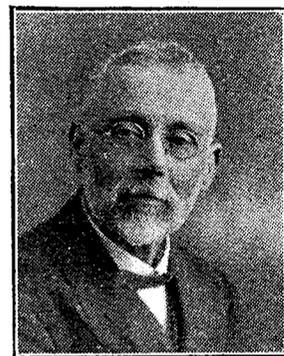
This is a very good suggestion. Try it.
Wishing you all success in the Sabbath-school work,
W. J. YOUNG.



A. E. Bacon.

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W. Hall.

A Happy New Year!

COPY for this issue having to be in by the 5th of January, and we being busy with the quarterly and annual reports of our North England Conference, we are not able to write you very much at this time. However, we shall expect to have a good report in the next issue.

We would take this opportunity of wishing all our dear members a very happy and prosperous New Year. We pray that 1923 may be one of great spiritual growth for you all, and that the truth we all love so dearly may advance by leaps and bounds.

Yours for the speedy triumph of the message,
ALFRED E. BACON.



"If I Could Be I Should Be."



I SUPPOSE every year's Harvest Ingathering Campaign will reveal something of interest to our people. The reason for that is because our members move amongst fresh circles.

During the last Ingathering the writer received from a certain gentleman the following testimonials. Often as a people we

feel that we are no better than any other people and often our workers employed in our various institutions feel that there is not much difference between them and the institutions of the world. Having worked seven years in our institutions and seven years in two northern cities, and having seen something of the factory life, there is only one conclusion we can come to and that is there is found in our places of employment a different atmosphere.

This gentleman in question lives at Croydon and is a retired Londoner, having made his money in business. He is an infidel. His father was an infidel. His grandfather and great-grandfather were infidels. But he sent £1 towards our foreign missions. He has travelled the world over and wherever he has stayed he has always sought out Seventh-Day Adventist sanitariums because, he says, "you find in these sanitariums an atmosphere which you don't find in any other institution." Surely that is a good

testimony, and I believe a true one. In his letter he further states, quoting word for word: "If I could be a Christian I should *without doubt* be a Seventh-Day Adventist." Surely that is another good testimonial.

"Closed are the doors of another year,
Closed on its sorrows and shadows drear;
All of its pleasures have vanished too—
Never will they come back to you.

"Oh, but the God of all the years
He is the same, thro' smiles and tears.
Open wide are the doors of grace,
Time cannot change our Father's face.

"Welcome! another year for God!
Leaving the paths already trod,
His light upon the new we ask—
Faith's power for love's every task."

E. E. CRAVEN.



Hull.

ON Sunday evening, Nov. 5th, we held a mission and flower service in the Metropole Hall, West Street. There was a good gathering of members and friends and a good show of fruit, flowers and vegetables which were afterwards given to the sick, aged and poor. A delightful programme was well rendered by the young people and children. The proceeds of the service were given to the Harvest Ingathering Campaign.

On Sunday evening, Nov. 19th, we were favoured with a visit from Brother W. McClements who gave a very interesting lantern lecture on his work and experiences among the natives of West Africa. There was a very good company present and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Truly the harvest is great and the labourers are few.

We commenced our Week of Prayer on Dec. 1st and all through the week realized the presence of the Spirit of the Lord. We pray that we may have the Spirit in full measure, for truly our God is all powerful and much more ready to give than we are to receive.

M. WRIGHT.



Special Notice.

WILL any of our churches, companies, or isolated members who have any copies of the "Family Bible Teacher" series of tracts, especially Nos. 18, 19, and 20, write at once to Pastor W. A. Hall, 9 Alton St., Tuebrook, Liverpool, with full particulars.

ALFRED E. BACON.



F. A. Spearing.

South England Conference.

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S. G. Joyce.

Onward!

THE time-honoured motto of our people throughout the world: "The Gospel to the Whole World in This Generation" is still the motto of the workers and members of the South England Conference. Nothing has happened during the past year, or at any time in the past that makes it necessary to change our programme. Indeed the evidences that we are nearing the end of all things are far stronger now than they were ten years, five years, or even one year ago. If we had reason for rejoicing during these years in the past at the progress of the work of God, we have greater reason to-day. That the cause we love is onward none who reads the "Review" can doubt. From every quarter comes the good news of souls being won for Christ.

In South England we are organizing our forces for aggressive work during the present year. We are encouraging all our members to do their best for the Master, believing that the enemy of truth can do but little to deceive the members of a busy church. We trust that as a result of the labours of our lay members, some precious souls will be gathered in this year.

Our evangelists are laying broad plans for their soul-winning campaigns. Pastors W. Maudsley, L. W. Barras, and O. M. Dorland are expecting to commence their efforts in Wimbledon, Leyton, and Fulham respectively during the month of January. We are looking for a large ingathering of souls as a result of these efforts in and around the city of London. Pastor T. H. Cooper is preparing to conduct a large effort in Bristol within the next week or so, and Pastor W. P. Prescott hopes to begin his campaign in Bedford a little later. The southern part of our field is not overlooked. Brother F. E. Powell, who has been labouring in Hastings during the past year or so, moves to Worthing, where he will commence meetings as soon as a suitable hall is found. He will also assist in the work of building up the cause in Brighton and Hove. Pastor J. B. West at Bath, and Brethren J. J. Hyde at Plymouth, G. W. Bailey at Southend, R. Borrowdale at Battersea and Wallington, are all working zealously, and expecting fruit for their labours.

Realizing that nothing can be accomplished worth while without prayer, yet believing that through prayer great things are accomplished for God, we invite all our members to unite in earnest prayer to God for success to attend the efforts of these and their associate workers as they storm the citadels of Satan, determined to win glorious victories for the Master.

F. A. SPEARING.



1923!

It's here! What? Why, that new year we had planned for, hoped for, and viewed with joyous ex-

pectancy—around which our fond ambitions for the future had gaily clustered. How does it find us? Think of it—

"A year of possibilities,
Unmarred by stain or spot,
O God, our Father, help us
To keep it free from blot."

A year of POSSIBILITIES! Serious, enthusiastic, soul-stirring thought! Possibilities, thousands of them, for you and for me. How are we relating ourselves to the task?

Here at head-quarters changes have taken place and we find ourselves in a new conference and weighted with the harness of the Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer Departments. Anxiously, hopefully we look around South England, wondering of what material the 1,530 baptized believers, besides the large number of young people, are composed.

Soon we hope to come and greet you all face to face and discover what you are doing for Christ—just how YOU are grasping the possibilities.

"A year of full, glad service
Rendered in Thy name
A year of rich outpouring
With heart and soul aflame."

That first line! How it grips!—*full, glad service*. Is that a picture of your activities? Is your service full or only half-hearted? Are you glad you have an opportunity, the privilege, to work for Jesus? Above all, is *your* heart AFLAME? Are you so stirred with the world's need—the big need for soul-saving—that you cannot rest from your labours until Christ pronounces the "well done"?

Young people, is there any need to urge you to do your best during 1923 to prepare yourself for Christ's soon coming? Get busy with your Bible study and enthuse your society with a zeal for progress! Is your society going to lead the way this year?

Laymembers! is there any need to urge you to loyally fulfil your part in soul-saving? Launch out bravely with our tracts and periodicals. Think of that near-by neighbour you have never yet warned.

Conference workers! is there any need to doubt your co-operation? Why no! With renewed vigour, join hands with that young people's society and the splendid corps of lay members.

Time is so short—we must all rally to the fray and MAKE 1923 the best year in our experience.

"And help us, heavenly Father
To remember day by day
That Thou art always with us
As we walk this unknown way."

Blessed, comforting thought! Our heavenly Father will be always with us as we journey through the year. He will be our helper, our comforter, our POWER, if we but do our part. Let us take that

last verse with us, because the trials will be many, the road we must expect to be rough; yet Christ will be with us. So why fear? Why hesitate? Why withhold your full service? Why longer delay your soul's salvation when He has promised so much?

Our minds are full of the possibilities we shall have to use our periodicals and tracts. But, solemn thought, perhaps we have let these first weeks go by and done nothing! Time, precious time, has gone for ever from our grasp. How can we possibly redeem it?—by just getting heartily busy NOW! Soon the reports will be coming in—of course *all* will report—we dare not think that any could be so neglectful of a God-given duty that they could fail to report. Now what will your report show? South England is our largest conference—Union head-quarters are right in our midst. Why! we dare not venture to prophecy the amount of work we can do. Plymouth, Bristol, Southampton, etc., and all our London and Watford churches, the call goes out to you. The roll for 1923 has been called, how are you responding? Let your good deeds so multiply that they will vibrate throughout the field and cause your weaker brother to take heart.

ALL working for souls—our own and our neighbour's! That's our objective, so attack it one and all with a will to win.

“Let it be a joyous year
Full of trust and love,
A little foretaste here below,
Of greater joys above.”

S. G. JOYCE.



Baptism at Walthamstow.



ON Wednesday, Dec. 20th, we held our first baptism in our new church. Pastor F. A. Spearing delivered a very helpful address in which he outlined in a definite way the beliefs which make us a separate people. After this the writer immersed eleven dear souls in the waters of baptism. Ten of these, together with two others, were

voted into church fellowship on Sabbath so that we now have a church roll of seventy. One of the candidates was brought over from Edmonton by Brother Bird and becomes a member of that church. Two of our new members first learned the truth through Dr. Shone's faithful teaching, and his heart is gladdened by seeing their definite stand with the people of God.

We had the very interesting and joyous experience while taking in our new members, of dedicating to the Lord baby Thelma Taylor—our first baby since the new church has been opened. Thelma stood the ordeal very well while in contact with Dr. Shone and the writer.

Our new campaign opens in the Leyton Baths, Cathall Road, on Sunday, January 14th, at 6.30. Gipsy Smith (the original) gathered 1,500 people in the building and we feel that the Lord is going to bless our efforts to do likewise. Advertising is now under way and the opening lecture will be “The World's Mad Gallop.”

We shall welcome any of our members who can attend this campaign and we shall be glad to pay

expenses for any who can bring musical instruments as we are forming an orchestra. Singers also will be a great asset as we are forming a choir.

1922 has been a blessed year to us all at Walthamstow, many souls have been gathered in, much money has come into the treasury, perfect harmony has existed between the workers here and we go forth to the fray once again with a calm trust in our never-failing Lord and Master. Sister Anderson, Sister D. Brown and Brother A. F. Bird will remain for the Leyton effort while Sister W. Quibell leaves us for pastures new. These workers have rendered loyal service to the cause of God in this district, and we ask for them your prayers as they launch out again.

Your brother,
LIONEL W. BARRAS.

P.S.—Will instrumentalists and singers who can respond to above call kindly write at once to Pastor L. Barras, 68 Albert Road, Walthamstow, E.17.

SCOTTISH CONFERENCE

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A Letter to the “Worker” Family Outside of Scotland.

ONLY those who have lived and laboured in Scotland can appreciate how valuable a church building could be in developing the work in this land. With an historic religious enthusiasm which, unfortunately, is rapidly dying, but which, nevertheless has left its imprint and influence, the Scottish people have profound respect for Gospel work and have a real regard for those sacred monuments, their churches.

Therefore it is only natural that a movement so sacred and important as ours, an organization entrusted with the giving of the “last warning message,” should have its monument or place of worship which shall suggest an evangelism of permanence rather than that of the peripatetic variety; a place out in the sunshine acting as a silent informant to passing people, rather than one found off in the secresies and the darkness of Scotland's “stairs” and “closes.”

We venture to say that had Edinburgh had such a building twenty years ago, when the message had its inception, we would be able to boast of a much larger membership than fifty-seven (twenty-four of which number have been added the last year) especially as this city has received almost continual help from conference labourers during that long period.

But there are other reasons why Edinburgh, “the grey metropolis of the north,” “the modern Athens,” should possess a respectable Seventh-Day Adventist church building. Edinburgh is a beautiful city. It need fear no rival in its claim to be the most picturesque and beautiful city in the United Kingdom. Surely our place of worship should be somewhat in keeping with this grandeur? Further, no other British city, save London, can boast of greater historical interest or more intimate association with important events and famous personages. In science and letters, too, it can boast a pre-eminence. Medicine and theology have historic homes here. Here, too, was the head-quarters of the Coven-

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THE EDITOR'S PAGE.

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WITH the New Year we are making two important changes in the publishing of the *MISSIONARY WORKER*. First, the publishing day will be Friday instead of Wednesday as heretofore. Secondly, the paper will be printed on Monday instead of Tuesday. This is so that all members may receive their copies by Friday, the publishing day, or at any rate by the Sabbath morning.

THIS latter change will necessitate all copy reaching us *not later* than the Thursday preceding the printing day. Copy that arrives by Thursday morning will always be given precedence over later arrivals, when allotting the available space.

PERHAPS we should state again that we are only supposed to publish twenty-four issues of the *WORKER* a year. Why, nobody seems to know. But that being the case there is inevitably a gap of one month between the issues on two occasions in the year. This year these gaps will come in April and October. We mention this here because a number of our readers wonder why their copies are so long coming on certain occasions.

BROTHER HARKER wishes us to say that the final Ingathering figures will be ready in a few days and will be published in the next issue. At present the total is in the neighbourhood of £7,500.

MR. and MRS. GEORGE FREEMAN, of Newport, Mon., request us to announce the arrival of a little daughter, Kathleen Joyce, on December 20th.

OWING to lack of space we have not only been obliged to leave out most of our own "last page notes" but have also had to omit the report of a splendid baptism in Edinburgh by Pastor G. Hyde, and several other good articles by workers and members. We will do our best to include all these items in the next number.

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anters, people who possessed those qualities of fearlessness and dauntlessness which must characterize God's remnant people. Then the famous John Knox fought here against the papal menace (to which Edinburgh has now practically surrendered) and who, but a fortnight before his death, while weak and failing, entered the pulpit of St. Giles for the last time and "before he laid down with his sermón, was sa act and vigorus that he was lyk to ding that pulpit in blads and flie oot of it."

It has been justifiably said that Edinburgh is a city of contrasts. The outstanding contrast to us is that while the city contains hundreds of churches—none of which are monuments to a message and a hope so living and so transforming as ours—the Adventist Church has not even one.

It is because of all this that we have decided to obtain a church building. This letter, and all that it will mean to us here, is the result of a visit made to us a few months ago by Elder Christian. He was so struck with the city from every phase that he declared, "You must have a church building here as quickly as possible."

So, dear brethren and sisters, we are setting to

work. But our expenses will be heavy. The cost of land here is abnormally high. The land and other expenses will probably cost as much as the building. We therefore appeal for help from those who are anxious to see an improvement in the work in Scotland and who would like to encourage the workers who labour against even greater odds here than in most other places.

We shall be grateful to receive gifts large or small, ranging from £100 to 1/-, and if sent to the undersigned they will be gratefully acknowledged.

We know your calls are many; we recognize the difficulties under which we are forced to live and labour. But we must press on, for the work before us is great and time is short. Who will come to our aid? Who, some time during the year, will do something to help us erect a memorial to the advent message in this ancient capital? May the Lord enable many to respond even without infringing on the usual general and local funds.

Awaiting your kind responses,

Sincerely yours in service,

GEORGE HYDE.

17 Upper Grove Place, Edinburgh.

P.S.—Our Scottish members will receive a separate appeal.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

WANTED.—Superior help in Christian home, age 25 to 35. Apply: Mrs. M. McCreath, 75 Merton Road, Booth, Liverpool.

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REMOVALS by motor lorry, distance no object. Wholesale English and foreign fruiterer. A. Gowlett, 4 Aldenham Road, Bushey, Herts.

WANTED.—By the boys of the Southampton church, orders for dolls' houses, dolls' furniture, moving toys, hand mirrors, wall brackets, calendars, etc. All profits given for foreign mission work. Address all orders to the secretary: C. Harcourt, 160 Howards Grove, Shirley, Southampton.

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WANTED.—Cook general with first-rate references. Two in family, small house (Chesham Bois, Bucks.), high wages, Sabbath kept. Apply to Mrs. B. M. Green, Lyceum Club, 138 Piccadilly, W.1.

SUNSET CALENDAR.

	LONDON	CARDIFF	EDINBURGH
January 12th	4.15	4.27	4.3
January 19th	4.25	4.37	4.15