

# The MISSIONARY WORKER

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## “We Persuade Men.”

By ELDER J. E. JAYNE.

IN describing the earnest missionary work of the early church, Paul wrote to the Corinthians: “We persuade men.” Concerning the effects of his personal labour, those who opposed him said, “Moreover, ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people.”

No task is more delicate than that of directing the human mind; no work requires more judicious consideration and thoughtful attention than does that of attempting to reconcile a sinner to God. Success is impossible unless conditions are such as to command the co-operation of the Holy Spirit. One may plant, another may water, but, after all, it is God that giveth the increase. “So then, neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.”

The evangelist who labours to persuade men to change their manner of living; conforming their lives to the requirements of the law of God, is dependent for success upon the Holy Spirit. The colporteur who labours to persuade people to purchase our message-filled literature and all others who engage in any department of our work cannot hope for success without its aid. It is a great comfort to each one of us to know that in all of our efforts we are labourers together with God, so that we can feel toward all men as did Paul when he wrote, “Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ’s stead be ye reconciled to God.”

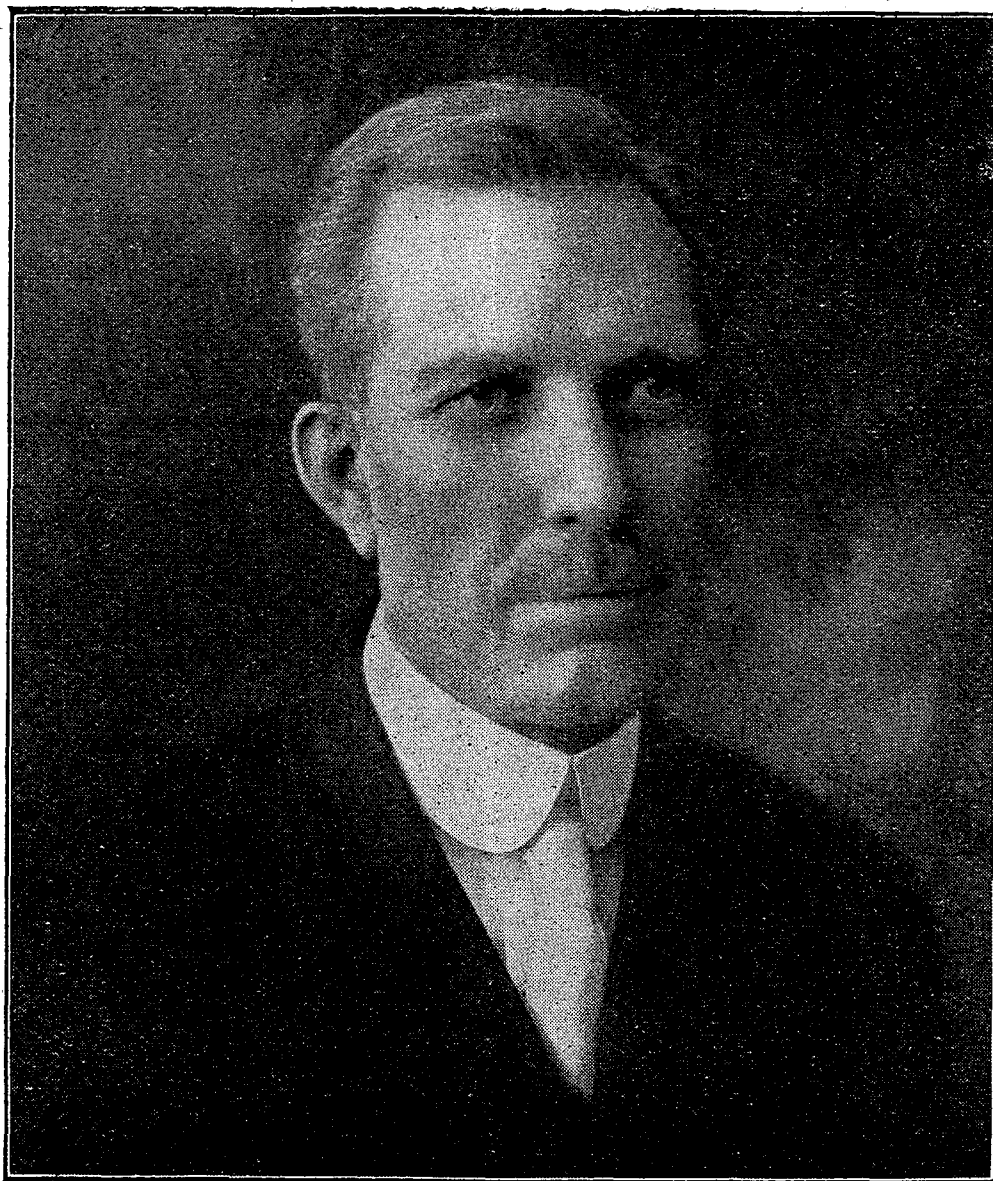
To-day our people throughout the world are thoroughly united in the truly superhuman task of persuading men from every kindred, nation, tongue and people to receive the Gospel

of salvation, be reconciled to God and prepared to meet our Lord in peace at His soon coming. To accomplish this great work we plan with pleasure, sacrifice with gladness and labour incessantly, using every worthy form of organization and variety of effort at our command. We have reason for great encouragement because of the success that God grants in almost every kind of work in which we are engaged.

Just now Great Britain is undertaking its part of the task in connection with what our people term “Big Week” and “Big Day.” I am confident that each of us desires some part in helping to establish these mission publishing houses in foreign fields which are provided through the results of our labour during “Big Week.” The work accomplished during the last two years is resulting in much good, and the future

work of these institutions will necessarily exert a very great influence upon the future of our work in those countries where they are located. Everyone of us who takes part in the work of “Big Week” will also share in that great and final triumph when the third angel’s message will have accomplished its work everywhere, and we are given an abundant entrance into the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Shall we not bring to the work during this week strong faith, and that unconquerable zeal that accepts no denial. It is entirely right to be enthusiastic in our work for God.

It is reported of the Rev. W. C. Bunning, that, at a missionary meeting in Edinburgh, he illustrated the effect of zeal in missionary work by an incident in the experience of one of his friends when riding on a train from Greenock to Glasgow. The train gradually slowed up and at last



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stood still. The friend got out, and, going up to the driver, said, "What is the matter, have you run out of water?" "No," was the reply, "We have plenty of water, but it is not boiling."



## Good Seventh-Day Adventists

A LETTER FROM BROTHER BARTLETT.

CAN the people belonging to the more backward races of Africa be expected to reach a high standard of Christianity? I was talking the other day to a missionary who has laboured in these parts for twenty-five years, and the conclusion he had come to was that we must make the standard for the Christian native as low as it could possibly be set. He talked as though his own hopes of developing a high type of character among the native Christians had been disappointed. The more credit to him that he is still working away at his difficult task.

Now the Seventh-Day Adventist ideal is not a low one. It asks a good deal of self-sacrifice from its representatives, and requires that they conform to a lofty spiritual standard. The ideal is often disappointed in its representatives, but it does not cheapen itself on that account. It looks to be upheld in its loftiness among every tribe and people. Can it find what it is looking for among the backward races?

Isak Orwa is one of our teachers. He is a busy, prosperous man for a native, with gifts that would make him eminent among his own people. He has a boat of his own. It is always at the service of the mission. Before he and his students cultivate their own little fields, they unite in tilling and planting a large field, the entire proceeds of which go into the mission funds. He has built a large school, and has just finished a guest-hut, at which friends of the mission can stay when they visit his school.

In one matter Isak carries a heavy heart. In common with all his people he greatly desires children. But although he has been married many years his wife has never borne a child. He has prayed for one, but his prayers have not been answered. His heathen mother-in-law has, according to their standard of duty, offered him another daughter to make up for the barren one. But Isak will not lower the standard, even to gratify his strong desire for offspring. His neighbours laugh at his refusal to take another wife. Among them only a very poor man has to get along with one wife. But they know him. One Sabbath a heathen girl came to Isak's district inquiring for him. A neighbour told her that she could not see him that day, because it was his rest-day, and after the morning service his practice was to read his Bible alone. "Why do you want him?" asked the neighbour. Then the girl, having the usual degree of modesty, said she heard he had no children and wanted to offer herself to him. The heathen neighbour told her she need not waste her time waiting to see Isak; he was a Christian, and would on no account take another wife. So she went away, and Isak knew nothing of the matter till the neighbour told him. Isak afterwards told me.

It requires as much grace for Isak to overcome temptation on this point as it does in England for a man to sacrifice position and popularity for the sake of keeping another commandment. I regard Isak as a good Seventh-Day Adventist.

A few days ago I was in that district teaching the Sabbath-school about the Ephesian believers who forsook their sorcery for the Gospel and burned books of magic to the value of fifty thousand pieces of silver, rather than sell them; they were spreading light, not darkness. I asked the natives what a Christian ought to do who, at his conversion, was possessed of strong drink or tobacco: sell it, or destroy it? They seemed very thoughtful, and I rather wondered if they were thinking it might be all right to sell the injurious stuff and save the money.

The day after, Isak said he had a question to put to me. Was it right for a woman to wear a tail? In that region men and women go almost entirely naked. The married women wear a tail of grass fibres, tied over their loins with a cord. Of course, when a woman becomes a Christian she abandons the tail and wears a decent garment. So I said it was better for a heathen woman to wear the tail than nothing at all.

Then came the question, Was it right for a Christian to make tails and sell them? Because some of the Christians

had earned their tax-money by making and selling these tails.

I asked, Is the tail for covering only, or has it any religious significance; is it a part of idolatry? The answer was that if a married woman should absent-mindedly get up in the morning and go out without first fastening on the tail, she would be guilty of a grievous offence, which must be expiated by the sacrifice of a goat. Also if a husband beating his wife should happen to break the cord which bound the tail to her body, he would have to sacrifice a goat to make atonement. So I could see that, however the tail originated, it was now a part of an idolatrous system, and I said that a Christian could not consistently make and sell such things.

I gave my judgment a little reluctantly, because I know how difficult it is for these people to find their tax-money, and here I was cutting off one possible source of revenue; but Isak showed no disappointment at all over my answer. He said, the question is already settled.

I asked him how, and he proceeded to tell me that they had discussed the matter among themselves as a point of conscience, and he had recommended that they let it stand over till my next visit, and let me settle the matter. However, after the lesson on the Ephesian converts who burned their books rather than try to get back the money by selling them, the native Christians had all said to Isak: "You need not ask Bwana; we can see for ourselves what we ought to do; the Word to-day is the answer."

I said to myself: They are Seventh-Day Adventists. When the Word speaks, they do not take counsel with man. They walk in the light, even if it takes away their income.

Brethren and sisters, our whole reliance is on the preaching and teaching of the Word of God. Because we are confident that the Word is living and powerful, we are setting the standard as high as we can possibly set it. And when the people that have the seal of the living God in their foreheads stand on the sea of glass before the throne and sing the song of Moses and the Lamb, there will be among them a good proportion from these backward races. W. T. BARTLETT.



## To Our Sabbath-Schools.

WE are at the end of the first quarter of the year. How time flies! It is too early yet, however, to say just what has been accomplished; this we hope to do later. Last year the Sabbath-school offerings increased quarter by quarter. We sincerely hope that this will continue. One thing that will help us in this direction is prayer. Prayer feeds missions at home and abroad. Dr. A. T. Pierson said: "Parsimony is stifled in the atmosphere of God's presence, gifts are multiplied and magnified when the giver is consecrated." The fields are white unto harvest but the labourers are few. We have the privilege to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send forth labourers into His harvest. Those who pray for souls yearn over them, and in order to perfect their prayers they willingly make sacrifices for the salvation of the lost ones. "No man can breathe freely in the atmosphere of prayer while he stifles benevolent impulses." "The giving of money prepares for the giving of self, and thus prayer makes missionary workers as well as missionary givers and supporters."

Church officers and churchmembers! Let us see to it that we keep up our offerings week by week. If for any reason we are compelled to be absent from the Sabbath-school, let us lay aside our offering and give it the following Sabbath. We should not forget the Lord's goodness towards us. Deut. 8:11, 17, 18. It is our privilege to honour the great giver (Prov. 3:9, 10), and lay up our treasures in the bank of heaven. Matt. 6:19-21.

At the beginning of each quarter we can make preparation not only for the weekly offering, but also for the thirteenth Sabbath offering. Our young people can give good help in this direction. May I suggest one or two ideas that will help? You may think of others. At one church the juniors have a tree and for every twelve farthings they gather, an apple is attached to the tree. The tree is filled every quarter. At another church the superintendent has a pail painted white on the inside and a number of smaller pails. When all the latter are filled with farthings and emptied into the larger pail, it also is filled. A pencil mark on the inside of the large pail shows where they are week by week. The Southend juniors by this latter incentive added nearly 25/- to the thirteenth Sabbath offering. Well done!

We would esteem it a great favour if our Sabbath-school superintendents and secretaries would send in to this office the various ideas that they have used as incentives to giving that we may pass them on to others. "Mere words are cheap and plenty."



enough, but ideas that rouse and set multitudes thinking come as gold from the mines."

Let us aim at success during the quarter. Let us remember, however, that success is not measured by the amount we do, but by the self-sacrificing love by which it is done. The door of success is marked PUSH. Success depends upon the man; no one can cheat you out of success but yourself. Thorough preparation is essential to ultimate and enduring success. Think progressively and optimistically and you will succeed. No one can try his level best without enjoying accomplishment. Be active, be energetic, be enthusiastic, be faithful, and you will accomplish your object.

W. J. YOUNG.

### Sabbath-School Ideas Worth Imitating.

SABBATH, March 17th, it was the writer's privilege to attend the Watford Town Church Sabbath-school. The school is a live one and in spite of its large membership the offerings are good. One or two ideas gathered there might be of use to other schools, so we pass them on.

The superintendent, Brother Smith, gave a very interesting, instructive and impressive talk to the juniors before the school separated for the study of the day's lesson. The subject was "Writing a letter." Using this as a means to impress upon the minds of the young how that each one was writing a letter

that would eventually be sealed and finally opened in the judgment, the speaker illustrated his remarks by means of an envelope which contained three pieces of paper each of different colour, namely, white, black and red, signifying Righteousness, Sin, and the Blood of Jesus Christ that cleanses from all sin. The lesson was certainly applicable to the older as well as to the younger members, and we feel sure was enjoyed by all.

We next heard from the secretary that the children's apple tree was growing in the ante-room, but that there was room for more apples on the tree. I wondered just what that could mean, but discovered that the children have a tree, and for every twelve farthings they gather and place in the box, an apple is attached to the tree. This is certainly a splendid incentive to the young to gather up all the farthings that they can find. The secretary informed the writer that there were several shillings in one box and another was getting full. This will assuredly help the thirteenth Sabbath offering. The Watford juniors are not waiting for great opportunities; they are seizing the common ones and making them great.

To those in our churches who have not yet used the youthful talent at their command let me say, Do not brood over the past or dream of the future, but seize the instant and get your lesson from the hour, ever remembering that on the great clock of time there is only one word—NOW. Give the young people a place and something to do.

W. J. YOUNG.



A. E. Bacon.

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### YOU Can Help!

"THE heaven-appointed purpose of giving the Gospel to the world in this generation is *the noblest* that can appeal to any human being. It opens a field of effort to *every one* whose heart Christ has touched. As we do this work, we shall find that means will *flow* into our treasuries, and we shall have funds with which to carry on a still broader and more far-reaching work." These words form a personal call to *you*. Are they not a mighty incentive to every soul to do his utmost, by pressing forward in our heaven-appointed task? Every member of this great advent movement, including conference presidents, department secretaries, ministers, Bible-workers, colporteurs, canvassers, church elders and officers, lay members and missionary volunteers—all uniting together in one grand endeavour to give this Gospel message to the world.

Link up with us during "Big Week" and demonstrate your willingness to co-operate with the divine resources. Assurance of success is promised by One Who has never known defeat. "All the necessary tact, ability, courage and strength will come as we put the armour on." Then join up now and share in the joy of service—of souls saved—of seeing funds flow into the treasury to be used for still further soul-saving work—and at last, when He shall come, of joining in the great harvest home! God has promised—will you co-operate? Let the following text be the keynote of our success during Big Week:—

"So *all* the men of Israel were gathered together against the *enemy*, knit together as *one man*." What a grand experience! Help to make this a reality during April and remember, "If thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall relief and deliverance arise from another place." Confident of your loyal response in this campaign for the extension of our mission presses—at home and abroad—and eagerly looking for your good reports,

FRED W. GOODALL.

### "M.V." Day Among the Churches.

REPORTS received so far show that special interest was given to the work of the young people on March 17th.

We have heard that the Derby society is forging ahead, while Sheffield reports several young people baptized.

Nottingham had a special programme, which consisted of dialogues, etc., ably rendered by the "M.V." members.

We are pleased to receive a good report from Langley, Birmingham, where we have a progressive society of active members.

We look forward to other good reports from the other "M.V." societies scattered throughout the field. Write us of your good experiences and also, if you desire advice and help, remember we are always at your service. We are relying upon the loyal support of our "M.V.s" in the Big Week activities.

F. W. GOODALL.

### Langley.

LANGLEY celebrated its young people's rally day in fine style. An excellent programme was arranged by the officers. The chair was occupied by Brother Frank Young, the assistant leader, his timely comments upon the various items adding much to the success of the meeting. After the recitation set for the occasion had been given, the song, "O Rest in the Lord," was rendered by Sister Lines. Brother Goodall, of the South Birmingham church, then spoke for fifteen minutes on the young people as the Christian arsenal of our work. Brother Tonks, in a bright and breezy way, spoke of the possibilities of youth, especially appealing to the good number of young people present. Eleven children with their teacher, Sister Gladys Waterhouse, favoured us with a musical dialogue which she herself had composed for the occasion. Then came parental advice from Brother E. J. Young. He dwelt with the points briefly, and we were all grateful for his good words of instruction.

The second session of our rally was indeed an interesting and profitable one. The chair was occupied by the society leader, Sister Gladys Waterhouse. The chief items of the evening's programme were the five-minute addresses upon the young people of the Bible, Abel, Moses and Samuel given by three young ladies, followed by David, Samson and Christ given by three young men. All the subjects were intensely interesting and contained many lessons to deepen our Christian experience. At intervals musical items were rendered. A fitting conclusion to our rally day was the singing of the doxology.

G. WATERHOUSE, *Leader*.

J. H. LINES, *Church Elder*.

# British Union

**Layman's Big Day**  
**Sunday, April 22nd.**

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## One Consecrated Day

No cause that has failed to make liberal use of the printing press has ever attained success. Concerning the influence of our publishing houses upon the progress of our work, Sister White wrote in "Testimonies," Vol. 7, pages 144, 145, as follows:—

"As the message of truth advances into new fields, it is God's purpose that the work of establishing new centres shall be constantly going forward. . . . At various points in missionary lands publishing houses must be established. To give character to the work, to be centres of effort and influence, to attract the attention of the people, to develop the talents and capabilities of the believers, to unify the new churches, and to second the efforts of the workers, giving them facilities for more ready communication with the churches and more rapid dissemination of the message—all these and many other considerations plead for the establishment of publishing centres in missionary fields."

To meet the need thus expressed all publishing houses in this denomination have united in a plan whereby at the close of each year they set aside as a Donation Reserve Fund one-tenth of their net gains

for the year, and in addition thereto give not less than fifty per cent of the remainder of their net gain for the year.

Besides this a period is selected known as "Big Week" during which our conferences, institutions, churches and people engage in a special effort to sell our literature and devote the proceeds of these sales to a fund for the purpose of establishing these mission publishing houses.

Our colporteurs unite in this plan by giving the proceeds of their largest day's sales during that week. Those who cannot do this give not less than the earnings or salary for one day of the week. The funds thus raised are included in our quota of weekly offerings for missions. The net result is a handsome donation for the advancement of our foreign work.

This plan went into effect in 1921. The experience of the last two years has been very gratifying. The conferences and institutions in Great Britain are joining heartily in the effort for the coming Big Week and Big Day. Our missions need our help; let us do our best on this occasion to make it one *splendid* day for our mission publishing houses.

J. E. JAYNE.

## Big Week Possibilities

So many opportunities for hastening on the work of God pass by not fully improved. This happens, not so much because of a disposition to ignore the needs of the cause; it is generally due to a lack of thought and preparation—a readiness to grasp the opportunity at the right moment. Let us see to it

pray that the investment may yield with increasing proportions to the end of time.

Big Week Rally Day is set for Sabbath, April 14th. Both before and after this date, missionary secretaries should busy themselves securing orders for literature. "Present Truth" and "Good Health" have been

## Put In at Least Six Hours of Faithful Service

that Big Week possibilities are not limited by our unpreparedness.

In the article "One Consecrated Day," by Elder Jayne, the call comes to all colporteurs, institutional workers, and churchmembers to act their part in this great literature effort. Note the Big Week date above. Order your literature supplies early. Donate the profits to the Missions Press Fund, and

specially prepared for this campaign. Plan to at least double your usual order for these papers. Be sure to have all goods in the hands of churchmembers in time for LAYMAN'S BIG DAY, Sunday, April 22nd. Big Week is "BIG" with possibilities for the work both at home and abroad. Let the church officers and members unite to make it a grand success for 1923.

J. HARKER.

# We are counting on the

# Big Week



**Colporteur's Big Day**  
**1923 The Biggest Day of the Week**

## *How Five Field Missionary Secretaries and Eighty-Seven Colporteurs can Help in the Big Week*

WHEN the writer was asked if £100 would be too much to apportion the department he represents to extend the interests of our publishing work into the unentered parts of the world-field, in view of the fact that the plan had not been set before the large body of workers who are leaders in the selling line, he responded with but little hesitation by stating that our colporteurs and departmental secretaries would be only too pleased to add their mite to this big publishing enterprise.

The writer knows by experience that if each colporteur would take the matter to God earnestly in prayer, asking Him to make the biggest day of the

Big Week a very substantial one in the way of financial returns to the cause of missions, a double blessing from heaven would come to every worker that would more than off-set the small amount deducted from his earnings.

If the net profits of the biggest day's sales of this specified Big Week from the British Union colporteurs will help to carry the Publishing House Extension plan forward to completion, surely the sacrifice will not have been in vain. Then let us all unite our efforts with our thousands of other brother colporteurs in this world-wide undertaking.

E. M. FISHELL.

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PLEASE NOTE:—These parcels are delivered post free to you by your Tract Society Secretary who will pay into the Conference Treasury the profits resulting from the sale of all literature sold for the Missions Press Extension Fund.

# al help of every member



## South England Conference

President: F. A. SPEARING.

### South England Gets into the Stride!

"Faith, mighty faith, the promise sees and looks to that alone, Laughs at impossibilities and cries, It shall be done."

IMPOSSIBILITIES! there were plenty if we were to believe all the pessimists told us. A great barrier of conservatism blocked our way to success. Home missionary leaders and secretaries were not "paid" workers, therefore it would be impossible to expect too much from them. North England is "go ahead," pushful, has always held the lead, but South England—it's the hardest conference, at least so *they* said. Then, to cap all, someone whispered in our ears as we left the Union offices in January, "We really can't understand why South England has always been behind."

However, we attacked the difficulties one by one. Out into the conference we went, visiting the churches and companies, finding conservatism truly, but also that the true children of God are the same everywhere, north or south. The faces of the Adventists in South England shone with the same love for the truth, and their responses to our calls were just as one would expect from a people who really believe Christ is soon coming.

At the close of the first month we "tried" our secretaries. We must confess that the rally was better than we expected, although a little anxious toil had to be spent with some. The second month we again sent out the report forms and, well, we just wish we could thank every secretary personally for the wonderful response. No, South England has not yet reached perfection, but it is making progress. Only one church out of our forty-five has failed to report so far for 1923, and that church has promised for March. What a record!

Our tract campaign is in full swing. Over 7,000 tracts were distributed by our churches in February. It does not concern us so much how many were ordered from the Press, what we do appreciate is the fact that thousands of families received an Adventist tract in South England during February. This figure is not inclusive of those used at our public efforts.

A visitor in the office yesterday informed us that "papers always sold well in North England," but, he added, "they always sold well in Bristol." Now why is that? Bristol is South England. Is the answer that there are more consecrated paper workers in these districts? Perhaps it is. Examine your church and see. Our total for copies of "Present Truth" and "Good Health" distributed by our churches during February was 9,628. We must double this. England mustn't be top heavy in any respect.

264 of our members reported for January and 408 for February. How many will report for March? Note the progress. But the 408 represents less than twenty-five per cent of our total membership! On the Continent they have a reporting membership of sixty-seven per cent in the Leman Conference and fifty-seven per cent in France. Come, South England, *we* mustn't be behind. One hundred per cent reporting for Christ. Aim for it, secretaries!

The little glimpse you have now received of how South England is bracing itself for the work of the Master, will also reveal that a spirit of activity is gripping the conference. Every true member is a home missionary for Christ. The work as it progresses through the year must result in souls won. 1,535 active workers is a force that must count for success.

Can you feel the invigorating spirit as this conference prepares for Big Week? Conference labourers and the leaders in all our churches and companies are tuning the lay members for success. With a will to succeed we are tackling the job.

Sabbath, April 14th, must be a real rally day and Sunday, the 22nd, will be the most successful lay members' Big Day we have had. Be an optimist for Christ, and note the result. It's contagious.

Yours for the task,  
S. G. JOYCE.

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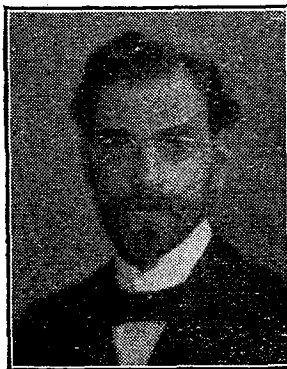
### Kingston.

ON Wednesday, February 21st, a social gathering was held at the Friends' meeting house, Eden Street, Kingston, where the Kingston-on-Thames church assembles for worship every Sabbath. The large hall downstairs was kindly lent to us by the Quakers for the occasion. Tea was provided at 6.15 and about sixty members and visitors participated. A well-organized programme of recitations, songs, etc., followed. Everything was carried out in strict harmony with the principles of the cause we love. Great credit is due to the committee which did so much to make the gathering a success.

E. S. ROSE.

## SCOTTISH CONFERENCE.

### Canvassing Experiences.



WORTH it! Indeed, if all the other chapters of my life contained only disappointments and gloom, the one of colporteur experiences would contain a treasure that would bring sunshine to my soul and make me feel that though everything else end in failure, my life would not have been in vain.

The record is simple, and similar experiences may happen with all Christian colporteurs who are out to do business for themselves and at the same time for their King.

I knew that I could not manage to work all the territory allotted to me, ere I must leave, though only a small section would be left. I had finished a certain isolated district all but three houses on Thursday, when the gathering dusk warned me that it was time to return to my lodgings. How well I remember cycling those fifteen miles amid the beauty of autumnal tints and the grandeur of the hills, painted with the afterglow of the northern sunset.

In bed that night, while planning for the morrow, I reasoned that as I must leave some part of my territory unworked, I might as well leave those three houses fifteen miles away, because I could call on more people in the other district and doubtless do more business. Thirty miles for three houses is no joke, anyway. I said this last part to myself very softly in case my conscience should hear. I slept soundly. Colporteur who work generally do. In the morning, though, there was no question about where I should commence work for the day. Logic and business are good, but faithfulness is better. I had never missed a house in my life and I would not do it now.

The first of the three houses was a little inn, and the good soul ordered the good book in the good binding. At the second place I did not succeed, except in finding out that the third place was a quarter of a mile across the fields. Arriving at the house, strangely enough, even the dog seemed to welcome me. I inquired for Mr. Ross and promptly was shown upstairs to his bedroom where I found the man—a widower—lying in great pain, seriously ill. I had been mistaken for a doctor, but did not apologize. Mr. Ross had lain there for six weeks. No one had visited him although the ministers had known about the man's condition. He was notorious for swearing and had driven many a hard, perhaps questionable, bargain. He preferred also to help people whom he knew were in need rather than give regularly to the local churches. For these reasons the shepherds of the flock had given this wandering sheep a wide berth. Is not our mission expressly to seek to reclaim just these wanderers? As I gazed upon the hard features of the man, now softened somewhat, however, by weeks of agony, I was convinced that already he was in the valley of the shadow. Fully conscious and apparently with his mind quite vigorous he said, "Doctor, I do not want to know anything about my body—just my soul." I replied that it was about his soul that I wanted to speak to him.

I need not tell you all that we said, but I stayed for some time—long enough to hear his confession for all his past sins and his profession of faith in the One Who paid the penalty of all our sins and to-day intercedes for us. His face, white



with the pallor of death, brightened with a new-born light and wet with tears of joy is a picture that nothing will ever eradicate from my mind.

Mr. Ross then called for the members of his household, six or seven there were, and asked me if I would be kind enough to address them concerning the things we had talked over. In that chamber of sickness, to this unexpected audience, I spoke of the love of Jesus, God's purposes for us, and the object of life; prayed, shook hands with them all, and left. As he said good-bye Mr. Ross asked me to bring a book (for I had told him about my work) and though he might never see it, he thought it might help his family. He suggested that I could leave it at the inn.

When I reached the road, once again the hills were lighted with the glory of the setting sun, and amid the wild beauty of the way home, I enjoyed sweet communion with my Father, and heaven never seemed so near.

The Tuesday following, the last day's work I did that year in the Highlands, I went to deliver those books in the neighbourhood where Mr. Ross lived and purposely left the inn to be my last call. The mistress with tearful face solemnly took the books and paid for them. "You visited Mr. Ross last Friday," she said, "and he sent word and money for a book. He passed away very early this morning, and there is something I am especially to tell you. For six weeks he had lain in bed cursing and hopeless. For the last three days, although enduring great pain, he was bright and cheerful with never a word of complaint but praise for One he loved—a new found Friend—the 'Friend of sinners.'"

Worth it! I tell you if everything else ends in failure that one occasion was worth my having lived.

F. L. CHAPMAN.

## Testimonies Reading Course.

*Fourth Week—April 13th–19th.*

"The Day of the Lord." "The Impending Conflict." "The Coming Crisis." Vol. 5, pp. 98–105; 711–720; 449–454.

"We are near the close of time. I have been shown that the retributive judgments of God are already in the land."

"A great crisis awaits the people of God. A crisis awaits the world. The most momentous struggle of all the ages is just before us."

"The same masterful mind that plotted against the faithful ages past is still seeking to rid the earth of those who fear God and obey His law."

"Those who are drinking from the same fountain of blessing will draw nearer together. Truth dwelling in the hearts of believers will lead to blessed and happy assimilation. . . . With the ungodly there will be a deceptive harmony that but partially conceals a perpetual discord. In this opposition to the will and the truth of God, they are united, while on every other point they are rent with hatred, emulation, jealousy, and deadly strife."—Pp. 99, 711, 100.

*Fifth Week—April 20th–26th.*

"Joshua and the Angel." "The Seal of God." Pp. 467–476; 207–216.

"Never is one received from the family of Satan into the family of God without exciting the determined resistance of the wicked one."

"Zechariah's vision of Joshua and the angel applies with peculiar force to the experience of God's people in the closing up of the great day of atonement."

"The class who do not feel grieved over their own spiritual declension, nor mourn over the sins of others, will be left without the seal of God."

"What are you doing, brethren, in the great work of preparation? Those who are uniting with the world are receiving the worldly mould, and preparing for the mark of the beast. Those who are distrustful of self, who are humbling themselves before God, and purifying their souls by obeying the truth—these are receiving the heavenly mould and preparing for the seal of God in their foreheads."—Pp. 470, 472, 211, 216.

*Sixth Week—April 27th–May 2nd.*

"An Appeal." Pp. 217–235.

## An Apology.

In the final Ingathering report which appeared in the WORKER a few weeks ago, the Welsh churches and companies were not given credit for all that was raised. By mistake, the returns for November 15th were taken instead of December 31st. We offer the brethren and sisters in Wales our humble apology. The correct figures are here given, arranged in the order of per capita:—

Church or Company	Amount Collected	Per Cap.
Aberdare	£79 8 5	5 6 6
Merthyr	12 0 0	4 0 0
Cardiff	165 6 2	3 18 8
Swansea	91 4 8½	2 17 0
Isolated	84 15 8	2 12 9
Rhos	28 18 5	2 12 7
Mountain Ash	31 11 2	2 2 1
Hereford	16 2 6	2 0 3
Pontypridd	25 10 0	1 11 10
Porth	30 13 2	1 9 2
Pembroke Dock	22 18 6	1 8 3
Newport, Mon	78 9 0½	1 4 6
Wattsville	8 14 0	1 1 9
Ebbw Vale	16 6 6	1 0 4
Caerphilly	9 18 8	16 6
Wellington	9 2 1	15 2
Blaenavon	7 12 6	12 8
Bargoed	9 15 0	11 5
Shrewsbury	1 14 6	5 8½
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J. HARKER.

## Responsibility of the Church.

"THE work that lies next to our churchmembers is to become interested in our youth; for they need kindness, patience, tenderness, line upon line, precept upon precept. Oh, where are the fathers and mothers in Israel? We ought to have a large number of them who would be stewards of the grace of Christ, who would feel not merely a casual interest, but a special interest in the young. We ought to have those whose hearts are touched by the pitiable situation in which our youth are placed, who realize that Satan is working by every conceivable device to draw them into his net. God requires that the church rouse from its lethargy, and see what is the manner of service demanded of them at this time of peril. The lambs of the flock must be fed. The eyes of our brethren and sisters should be anointed with heavenly eyesalve. We must be aroused to see what needs to be done in Christ's spiritual vineyard, and go to work. The Lord of heaven is looking on to see who is doing the work He would have done for the youth and the children."

—*"Special Testimonies on Education," pp. 197, 198.*

MRS. H. H. HOWARD.

WANTED.—In Bristol, situation where Sabbath can be kept as motor-driver, eight years' experience with heavy and light vehicles, or would work in any other capacity. Married. Apply: W. Evans, 22 Holmes Street, Barton Hill, Bristol.

TO LET.—Furnished apartments at Torquay. Apply: A. C. Johnson, 3 Princes Road East, Torquay, Devon.

FOR SALE.—First-class Electric Medical Galvanic Battery with twenty-four cells and two Faradic, as good as new. A £20 machine, will take £10. Delivered carriage paid. Apply: Williams, 8 Tavistock Road, Plymouth.

WANTED.—In a Jewish minister's family a capable general, who is fond of children. Apply in first instance to Miss E. L. Weslake, 102 Cartington Terrace, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

# THE EDITOR'S PAGE.

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## The Song of the Presses.

*Like a mighty anthem swelling,  
Far and wide beyond all telling,  
Rings the glorious advent message loud and clear;  
But in tones, deep and sonorous,  
I can hear in that grand chorus,  
Rolling strains that fill my soul with holy cheer.*

*'Tis the music of the presses,  
Sent to heal the world's distresses,  
Bringing hope to thousands by the quickening Word,  
Many tongues their song embraces,  
Soon there'll be no distant places  
Where the music of the presses is not heard.*

*There are men with talents gifted,  
Preaching Christ with voice uplifted,  
To the famished throngs in this dark land of woe;  
And these agents God is using,  
They are men of His own choosing,  
Yet they cannot multiply themselves, you know.*

*But the message from the presses,  
Every 'lightened soul confesses,  
Can be scattered far and wide in every land,  
Oh! I like these "iron preachers"  
That can talk to all God's creatures  
In a language they can read and understand.*

*Soon the Gospel of salvation  
Will have gone to every nation,  
And I fancy, then, we all shall come to know,  
When we hear the complete story,  
In that land of light and glory,  
That the presses have done wondrous things below.*

*Let the presses keep on chanting,  
They are means of God's own planting,  
Sending forth the threefold message true and grand,  
Precious leaves of autumn falling,  
Souls in darkness ever calling  
To a place in heaven's kingdom, near at hand.*

J. HARKER.

ELDER L. H. CHRISTIAN attended the brief session of the British Union Conference held at Stanborough Park last week.

ELDER J. E. JAYNE has been called to Berne for a meeting of the European Division Committee. Soon after his return he plans to start on his first visit to the conferences.

SISTER E. M. EASTCOTT has been called from her post as secretary-treasurer of the South England Conference to assist in the Division office at Berne. There is loud lamentation at Lindrick House.

BROTHER W. LINEY, who turns out the splendid colour-work of the Stanborough Press, Ltd., is spending a few weeks at the new publishing house in France, helping our brethren there to "get on their feet."

ILLUSTRATIVE of the pressure of work in the editorial department—and we might add, the smallness of staff—is the sudden collapse of our assistant, Miss M. Stockford. The doctor says it's overwork and we can quite believe him. We hope she will soon recuperate or we shall soon be following her San-wards ourselves. We feel sure all our readers—and especially the perusers of the "Present Truth" children's pages—wish her a speedy recovery.

THE splendid series of meetings at Leyton closed Sunday night, March 25th, owing to lack of funds. Pastor Barras reports 900 present at the last meeting and the unusual collection of £9. There is a good attendance at the Sabbath afternoon services.

"BIG WEEK"—why wasn't it called "Missions Press Week?"—is right upon us. Let us all do our utmost to distribute our literature during that period and so help to swell the funds for establishing new presses in mission lands.

By the way, M.P.W. would also have stood for "More Power Wanted," which fits the situation exactly.

WHILE on this point might we suggest an alternative parcel to those outlined on page 5? Of course the reason for the bias is obvious, but why not?

PARCEL NO. 5.

	s.	d.
100 "Present Truth"	16	8
10 "Good Health"	2	6
2 "Steps to Christ"	2	0
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Be sure to ask for the guinea parcel.

THERE'S a reason. "Present Truth" No. 9 is just the paper you will want your friends to read. As you distribute it you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you are passing on "The Message for the Hour"—which is the title of the main article. The front-page picture, by the way, is one of the copyright Bible pictures we have been trying to obtain for over twelve months. Its beautiful portrayal of Christ stilling the storm cannot fail to please.

THE catalogue of the Fireside Correspondence School for 1923 is ready for distribution. It contains a number of new studies, and some important announcements. It is free for the asking. Address: C. C. Lewis, Principal, Fireside Correspondence School, Takoma Park, D.C.

MEAT and bacon excellently displaced by Goodall's Nutmeat Powder, 2/- per lb. (Plain and Savoury). Makes two pounds tasty fritters, omelettes, etc. Trial pound, 2/6 post paid. 28 Taunton Road, Birmingham.

PLYMOUTH.—Bed and breakfast can be had with Sabbath-keepers. Terms moderate. Williams, 8 Tavistock Road, Plymouth.

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## SUNSET CALENDAR.

	LONDON	CARDIFF	EDINBURGH
April 6th	6.40	6.53	7.6
April 13th	6.52	7.4	7.12