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Onward in East Africa

Encouraging Report from Pastor W. T. Bartlett

At every one of the mission stations we see signs of good progress. I have lately baptized forty-nine people who all seemed earnest and fairly-well informed on Bible teachings, thirty-five at Kanyadoto and fourteen at Kisii. The school work is extending in all directions. Dr. Madgwick gets a crowd of patients every day, some of them coming from a considerable distance. Our Maternity Home is kept busy. Brother Salway has just finished a very creditable school building at Kisii and is now at work on a house for Brother Lane. Most important of all, the standard of spirituality is rising among our members. A large number now seem to put the interests of the work before their own. Quite largely the native teachers have given a week's salary to help meet the shortage in mission funds, and many churchmembers have joined in the gift. Tithes and offerings are improving. Altogether the work in Kenya Colony is visibly experiencing the blessing of the Lord.

We were very sorry to lose Marjorie from Gendia. She had done good work among the girls and schools, and she will be missed. As it is impossible to send anyone to take her place for the present, we are laying a part of her work on native teachers, and trying to carry the balance among ourselves.

Marjorie was married to Brother Archie F. Bull on April 6th, in the Gendia Mission church, which was thronged with about 500 natives. The couple have now gone to their home in Kihurio, where they have a big task before them in a largely Moslem community.

I have lately returned from a six weeks' tour in the Mwanza district. It was the rainy season, so I had rather an interesting time wading rivers, and plains too, and going round the mouths of the rivers in canoes where the rivers were too deep to be waded. Thrice I had to take off everything but my helmet. I am sorry I cannot send any photographs. At one place I would have been glad of a camera for I had fifty huge crocodiles all within a spear-throw.

I found Brother Cuthbert and his family well, and enjoying a change to cooler weather. He can now teach and preach in Swahili, but he finds the demands upon him far more than one man can compass and urgently appeals for a helper to be sent. He has four stations in his field, and he feels that each one of them really ought to have a European in charge, as before the war. The chiefs are all friendly and he can open out-schools in all directions. One of the chiefs invited me to speak to his headmen and gathered 150 of them together

to hear the Word of God. I believe we are going to have a strong work in that field.

It took me twice as long as usual to get from Ntusu to Ikidzu, on account of the rivers and rains, but I managed to arrive, by a series of divine interventions, in time for the Sabbath. I shall not soon forget one deliverance, on a five hours' journey in a native canoe, meant for seven men but carrying twelve, in a rough wind. I made some new friends, travelling in regions not previously visited. At Ikidzu I found Brother R. H. Matthews and his wife doing a good work. He had just recovered from a bad attack of fever, but the Lord had blessed them greatly in ministering to the sick, and in this way they had made a firm friend of the chief of an important region two days away. Thirty students from that part were attending the Ikidzu school. Sons of another and nearer chief were wanting baptism. The work here seemed full of encouragement and I went on my way greatly cheered with what I found at Ikidzu. Sister Matthews took the boys out singing on Christmas Day and collecting for the Harvest Ingathering. They got several shillings, a bad rupee, and some goats.

I had another tough journey to Majita where I spent several days. Brother H. A. Matthews and his wife are doing solid work here. They adopted twins whose mother had died, and whom no one else would receive for superstitious reasons, but found they had to choose between the twins and the mission. The father took the little ones back, and one of them survived. Brother Matthews has just received permission to open four new schools.

In an interview with the leading officials of the Mwanza province he expressed pleasure at the way our mission work was being conducted in the district, and thought if we continued on those lines we should find all our difficulties vanquished in time. Certainly in most places we are on quite friendly terms with chiefs and people.

Brethren Phillips and Watson have been blessed this year with accessions to their families. Both the babies are doing well. These men are getting a good start in the work, although at present they are busy building, or restoring, their houses.

We are planning for the first general meeting of the Mwanza workers to take place at Majita from August 3rd-11th. It will be an interesting and pleasant, and, I hope very profitable gathering for the workers who are grappling with the problems of that difficult field.

Beyond question there will be a harvest from East Africa

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The fields are whitening. Changes are taking place even in the unwon masses, much more in the enrolled disciples. Our girls' schools which, a little over a year ago, were an abomination to the elders are now regarded with honour. And now we learn that the chiefs and elders have made a firm agreement with the government that no one shall be allowed to exact a heavier dowry for his daughter than five cows. This is a great step in advance. Formerly the father exacted as many as he could and then continually extorted one or two more on some pretext, so that the husband was never sure of his wife, and only the man with many cattle could afford to marry. It was about impossible to get a father to agree to a binding Christian marriage because then he could not extort additional cattle. Now it will probably be much easier to get girls into our schools, and we may expect to see a far larger proportion of educated and converted wives.

We hope that as our brethren and sisters in Great Britain labour for the upbuilding of the cause at home it will mean the laying of broader foundations for a strong work in the mission fields. May the blessing of God rest richly on every department of the work at home, as well as out here.



Fighting the Shadows in a Corner of the Dark Continent

BY ERIC A. BEAVON.

I WONDER how many of you realize *how* dark the darkness is out here in Africa. From west to east, from north to south, black night reigns everywhere. How often have you heard it said: "Islam is spreading with the certainty and irresistibility of a rising tide"? These are the words of a missionary in West Africa. You have heard of the peril there—in the Gold Coast, in Nigeria, and in Sierra Leone. We have to face it here in East Africa, and among the Kisii, for whom we are working, the spread of Moslem ideas is appalling.

Here the best gardeners, the craftsmen, the scribes, the clever orators before chiefs' councils, the wildest merchants, and the smartest witnesses in petty lawsuits come from the Mohammedan section of the community. It is natural that the simpler native emerging from savagery should look up to these with veneration.

Till the beacon light of the third angel's message was lit in the township of Kisii, the one and only wretched example of Christianity set before this unenlightened tribe was a Roman Catholic Mission—a byword in the mouths of Moslems for all that was evil. Immediately below our mission is a large Mohammedan village. Thence some pupils have been drawn to study at our school. Kisii to-day is a stronghold whence we can reach out towards the Masais in the south and towards the Lumbwas in the east—both Nilotic like the Luos—but first we have to attack Islam at our door.

Bound up with the standing of Islam in this country is the standing of the native girls and women. They come to the mission without an object in life beyond being one day purchased by some Kisii who will look upon them and treat them worse than slaves. To be reached at all these girls must be reached before they marry heathen husbands. Hence the need for providing them with a home at the mission.

We need at Kisii a young woman who will help us to mother these girls, who will make herself intimate with the family life of those in our two large mission villages reaching out after Christ; who will win the little Nubian youngsters who come selling baskets, and gain the ready friendship of the chocolate-coloured, chocolate-eyed play-lovers that flock to the mission school from distant Kisii.

Kisii boys and girls are as fri-
lous as the grown Mohammedans are hard. If the message is to triumph over the black night reigning everywhere, we must push ahead, and you must push behind with unwavering faith. We must not "slight a task because it is hard, or ignore a question of religious responsibility because it looks formidable." Never, never let Africa and its millions slip from your minds! It is the eve of victory!

This year an appeal has been made for a consecrated young

lady to join us here at Kisii, who—free from household and family responsibilities—will be able to give her time chiefly to the women and girls. We believe there will be volunteers, and we earnestly pray that means will be forthcoming.



The Government Helps Our Pare Mission

BY PASTOR SPENCER G. MAXWELL.

SINCE our last word to the WORKER we have seen much of the Lord's blessing on His work here. The Government has informed all the local chiefs that it wants all children to be able to read and write. This brings every child in our district into our schools. It is a great opportunity. In some places we are having to place two teachers to a school to care for the work. Lukuta, at Kihurio, has 250 enrolled. There are seven or more other schools having more than 100 children. In all there are 2,200 young minds hearing the Gospel week by week in Pare. We are much encouraged to see this, as the school work has been carried on in face of much opposition from Mohammedans and heathen parents. Girls, as soon as they approached a marriageable age were kept from school for fear they should become Christians. Boys were taken away to get their hut tax money at an early age. So this only left us quite the young children to deal with. Also the girls would be shut up in their fathers' house for many months at a time, even to two years, being initiated into all the customs of their tribe. Now all must come to school.

The teachers, too, are making encouraging progress. Every two months we hold a week's school especially for them. They are instructed in Bible, Arithmetic, Geography, History, Drawing, Reading and Writing. I think this is the most important phase of our work here. When these men are thoroughly trained they will be able to accomplish far more than a European. They naturally understand their people better and can travel without any impedimenta.

My wife and I are now located at Suji Mission. This change is helping us divide the work so that Brother Bull oversees the interests in the plain and we those in the mountains. There are a large number of candidates in the baptismal classes, but we like them to wait a couple of years to test their purposes. We trust there will be found many of these people whose consecration will be equal to bearing heavy burdens in the finishing up of the work in this portion of the vineyard of the Lord.



Reconstruction in Tanganyika

BY PASTOR W. CUTHBERT.

IT was on the 13th of last July that we left the homeland to join the band of faithful workers in Africa. Just eight weeks to the day we reached our assigned station at Ntusu.

Ntusu is from five to six days' journey to Mwanza, the nearest post office, and from nine to ten days' journey to Kisumu, the nearest railway station. We left the trains behind last August and do not expect to see them again till furlough time comes.

We buy most of our food from England. Suppose we order £50 worth of goods it will cost £30 to get them here. The customs is rated on the whole sum of £80. As we pay twenty per cent on foods you will see it costs something to provide the mission family with food. We appreciate the assistance which the Mission Board provides in this matter.

The work here was begun about twelve years ago by our German brethren who sacrificed lives and property in the task. Here at Ntusu is the grave of little Robert Lusky. At Kanadi is the grave of Brother Munzig. There are three graves at Majita of wives of the missionaries. Then the war came and very much of the mission property was looted.

Central mission stations were established and manned by Europeans at Ntusu, Kanadi, Itilima and Magala. There were five European families and the work was directed by Brother Lusky.

Suitable houses were built at all these places. In my visits to these places I found the buildings at Kanadi had fallen down and the buildings at Itilima were in a dangerous condition. The buildings at Magala and at Ntusu were in good condition.

Kanadi is one day's journey from Ntusu, Itilima one day from Kanadi and Magala two days from Itilima.

When the brethren were forced to leave in 1916 they left the work in the care of the four leading native teachers previously brought from Pare. These teachers cared for the work for six years during the absence of Europeans.

The work of the pioneers was not in vain in the Lord. Today we are gathering the harvest. Baptismal classes have been formed at all the stations and very shortly we expect to baptize about 100.

Brother Bartlett was with us about three weeks ago. As there was much work to do here we could not visit the other stations, so we called in all the teachers, and as many of the people as could come. I estimated that fifty came from Kanadi, and thirty each from Itilima and Magala. On the Sabbath we had to have the meetings outside as the church was not large enough to hold all the people. Remember, some of these people had walked three days to attend these meetings.

While Brother Bartlett was here he was requested by the chief to address his headmen; there were 100 of these present. It is from these men that the calls come to establish schools. The chief is building a school, and as soon as it is finished we will send a teacher. I have just finished negotiating for another out-school at Itilima.

The day after Brother Bartlett left us I started off for Magala. It was a cruel journey. I learned on my return that Brother Bartlett had had a similar experience in reaching Ikidzu, where he went after leaving us to meet Brother and Sister R. Matthews.

At Magala I was able to speak to the people four times on the Sabbath. There were 150 people present. Before leaving I started a baptismal class. Arrangements were made with the chief to start another out-school there. He has also agreed to search out some sites suitable for out-schools. I shall inspect these when I return in June and decide where to place the teachers who will be ready at that time. The work at Magala is most promising and some one must be found to go there to take charge.

We are calling for a young couple from the homeland to answer this urgent request. We hope they will reach here in time to attend an assembly of the workers at Majita in August.

Next week I shall be going to Kanadi to investigate the calls for out-schools there. The people of that country make very good Christians. At all the stations now the work is in a flourishing state.

Please pray for the Wasakumu people.

Opening Providences in West Africa

BY PASTOR L. F. LANGFORD.

NEARLY six months have passed since we left England, once more to take up our work in West Africa. It is good to be here again, and to work amongst the people we have learned to love.

Much of my time since returning has been spent in visiting our mission stations in different parts of this Union Mission Field. I am glad to be able to tell you that in almost every place the work is onward.

You have, I am sure, been hearing much of late of the work in Nigeria, through Brethren McClements and Clifford, and I am glad to learn that the Young People's societies of Great Britain are devoting their 1923 offerings to the opening up of the work in the Niger Delta, a region where already many of the people are observing the Sabbath though we have never conducted work there.

In the Gold Coast, too, God has gone before us and prepared the way. Recently I visited a district from which for a year or two we have been receiving invitations.

In a village called Fetteh, I found eight or nine Sabbath-keepers and a small day-school which had recently been opened by them in the hope that this would persuade us to do something there. One of the young men is a bright, intelligent fellow, who has had some years' experience in teaching among the Wesleyans. He is now at our training-school in Agona, assisting in the teaching work, and becoming more conversant

with the different points of our faith. He gives promise of developing into a really useful worker.

I spent quite a busy evening in the village, visiting among these people, and planning with the young man referred to, to visit other places in the neighbourhood, where I was assured there was an interest in our work. Accordingly, the next day we visited the Obutu district, about six miles from Fetteh, and in this place found a school being run by the village. These people are anxious for us to take over this work, and while the people have been taught by the teacher they have employed, to keep Sunday, they assure us of their willingness and intention to change their day of rest and worship to the Sabbath, seeing that it is according to God's Word.

I returned to Fetteh in the afternoon, and conducted the service in the evening.

The next morning, after an early visit to the chief, and many farewells, I was conducted by another of the Sabbath-keepers to a village twenty-seven miles distant, where lived the old man who was largely responsible for awakening the interest in this whole district. I think this visit was one of the most interesting I have ever made. We reached the place about seven in the evening, and had a really royal reception. The village is small, but practically all the people are connected in one way or another with the brother who had brought me to it, and are nearly all Sabbath-keepers. The village is off the main track, and situated in the midst of a fine cocoa plantation belonging to this good brother, though he had said nothing about this until we arrived at the place.

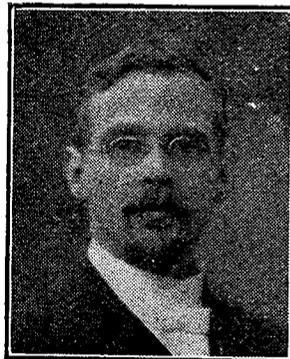
It was Thursday evening when we reached it, and I stayed over the Sabbath with them. It was really an enjoyable day for me, and I believe for them. During my visit, the farmer brother took me to a good-sized section of his farm, which he said he had dedicated to God. Since my return to Agona, I have had word from them that they have £10. 10s. tithes and offerings awaiting me on my next visit. The old man (seventy years of age) assures me that now the mission is about to take the oversight of this work, he will soon pass on to another village, and open up the work there.

I could tell of other experiences, but already my article is too long, so they must be left over for another time.

In closing, I should like to say that although our appropriation for 1923 is considerably less than we were expecting, yet we feel that we must press into these villages where God is so manifestly opening the way, believing that our people in the home field will see to it that the men and the means for these operations will be forthcoming.

Tidings from Egypt

BY PASTOR W. E. READ.



IT was my privilege for several days during the month of April to visit our brethren and sisters in the ancient land of Egypt. It was the last point of call on the way home after having been away for nearly three months visiting our work and workers in Greece, Constantinople, Syria and Palestine.

Our work in Egypt has been established for quite a number of years. Before Pastor George Keough took charge of the field the work there had been supervised by Elder W. H. Wakeham and Elder J. J. Nethery; Brother Keough has been there since the year 1908 and has been doing splendid work particularly in the villages of Upper Egypt. Our constituency is not very large but there are a number of faithful believers in different parts of that country. They have been won after much diligent toil and prayer, and as one meets with them it is easy to observe that they are of good courage in the truth and earnest in their endeavours to make it known to their neighbours and friends. At the present time we have churches in Beniaddi, Tetaliah, Deirut and Cairo, besides some isolated believers living in Masra, Sohag and Luxor. In addition to Pastor Keough and Brother J. McGeachy, our two European workers, there is one ordained native minister and two native workers who have just

been started in the work. Just after my arrival at Cairo in company with Brother Keough I started out for Upper Egypt. We went as far as Manfalout, then we had a five-mile journey on donkeys to the village of Beniaddi. This is a village, the houses of which are made of sun-dried brick. The streets are very narrow and the walls of the houses fairly high. Inasmuch as there is hardly ever any rain in this part of the country there is a good deal of dust. It is anything from one to three inches in depth. One has to walk very carefully or he leaves a cloud of dust behind him as he journeys. At this place we have a little church building. It is made of sun-dried brick, and has a mud floor. The walls are covered with mud plaster and then whitewashed. The roof of wooden beams covered with light floor boards is supported by a central brick column. On top of this there is a layer of mud bricks to preserve the boards from the heat of the sun. Upstairs in the rear of the building there are a couple of small rooms. In one of these we slept during the time we were at Beniaddi. A family in the village very kindly loaned us some bedclothes and so we made ourselves quite comfortable with this accommodation. We spent a very pleasant week-end with the believers in this place. Although they were of different colour and spoke another language yet their hearts were all aglow with the love of the blessed truth that God has committed to us.

The work started in this village in a very interesting way. The first Sabbath-keeper there was the father of the present elder of the church. He had learned of the truth through reading some small tracts. One day the tax collector called, and as it was Sabbath, the old gentleman told him he could do no business that day. The tax-collector was rather amused to find someone holding these views and so expressed himself quite freely to some of the neighbours. In the course of conversation he told them that he knew of one of the missionaries of the Sabbath-keeping people who lived in a village not far away. The neighbours then said to him, "Whatever you do, say nothing to the old man, for if he learns of this he will turn the place upside down." It was not long, however, before he got to know about this missionary and corresponded with him. This missionary turned out to be Brother Keough. After a number of studies he embraced the truth. Then came the effort in Beniaddi when quite a number of people accepted the message.

After spending such an encouraging week-end at Beniaddi we left for Tetaliah. This was a several hours' ride by donkeys. This is a very interesting way of travelling for those who are used to it, but those who take a ride in this way, say once a year, have to be very careful lest at the end of the journey they find it difficult to stand with comfort and take a service. We got along splendidly, however, the whole journey being in full view of the flat plateau along the banks of the Nile which, once every year, overflows its banks. On reaching Tetaliah we got in touch with our own believers and spent a very helpful time with them. There is a small church building at this place also but as yet it is unfinished. They are planning to plaster and colour the walls, also to build two small rooms so as to provide accommodation for any of the visiting brethren when they go to the villages. It is really necessary to do this because there are no hotels or housing accommodation available. It does not cost as much in these places to erect a church building as it does in the homeland. The brethren are very modest in their calls with which to erect a suitable place of worship. The building at Tetaliah will not cost more than £150 at the outside. They are in very urgent need of about £30 in order to make the necessary improvements. They have taxed their resources to the limit and would be very glad of any help for this purpose. When the work started in this village there was quite a commotion. The people flocked to our meetings, so much so that the meeting places of other churches were practically deserted. Brother Keough preached in the Protestant church and also in the Coptic church. There was strong opposition, of course, as the testing truths were presented. One native minister wrote to his board telling them that they would have to send someone down to Tetaliah as the Adventists had come down like an avalanche and were carrying everything before them. The Lord certainly blessed the efforts put forth here. We now

have a good church of loyal believers who are bearing faithful witness for the truth.

Another donkey ride of about five miles brought us to the railway station whence we took train for Deirut. Here we renewed acquaintance with Brother and Sister McGeachy and met some of the believers, also the native worker. Brother and Sister McGeachy are quite happy in their work in Egypt. The work has gripped their hearts and they are working earnestly to win souls to the message. Brother McGeachy is making splendid progress with the language also.

The population of Egypt is almost thirteen millions. The people live within a narrow strip of territory on each side of the Nile river. This strip is about five to six hundred miles in length and has an average width of about twelve miles.

There is still "corn in Egypt." On the five-mile journey from Tetaliah to the railway station we passed by many fields of beautiful waving corn. In some places it was being gathered in and one could see the girls going behind the reapers glean- ing the fields. It is also true that there are honest hearts in Egypt and the workers there feel that there never were such encouraging prospects as there are to-day. Doors are opening before them and they feel that now is the time when we should press in with new workers and give the message to those who are yet unwarned.



GENERAL MEETINGS

By Elder J. E. Jayne

STATED with the utmost moderation, the present is a period of vital moment to our denomination, and of extraordinary importance to each of its members. That is one of many reasons why our general meetings should command more than usual attention.

An unprecedented war and the treaties by which it has been terminated have produced envyings, jealousies and bitter national hatreds that will never be forgotten. Determined men of mighty influence have sworn that though it take a hundred years, they will have revenge. There is almost universal conviction that another, and by far more terrible, armed conflict is absolutely unavoidable. Every nation is seriously studying the best possible measures for its own security. The only apparent difference of opinion is concerning the length of time before the beginning of the next war.

How are we related to this condition of affairs? The present is a little time of peace during which we, led by the mighty Captain of our salvation, and refreshed by the promised outpouring of the latter rain, must hasten to the ends of the earth with the threefold message of the everlasting Gospel to every kindred, nation, tongue and people.

As racial, international and national conflicts occur in various localities, we shall necessarily be brought into very difficult experiences with civil authorities. Such conflict will not arise from our political activities, because our people never interfere in the governmental affairs of any country in which they are.

Evil men are not the only occupants of prisons. Joseph was in an Egyptian prison, Peter and Paul in Roman prisons, and John Bunyan in an English prison. For eighteen months a leading minister and other excellent brethren have been in a Russian prison. No one knows when, if ever, they will be released. We once had a fine work in Asia Minor. Our people, with other Christians of that region, have either been banished or carried into slavery. There was a divine purpose in the imprisonment of Joseph, Peter, Paul, Bunyan and other Christian men. God has just as definite a purpose in the experiences sent to His people to-day. We do not understand His providences any better than did they, but we can and do share that confidence expressed by the apostle Paul in his letter to the Philippian church when he wrote from the

Roman prison: "I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the Gospel; so that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places; and many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will: the one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds: but the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the Gospel. What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice."

God has a work and a place for each one of us, whether it be at home, in a foreign mission field, or in prison. We simply await the making manifest of His will that we may work in harmony with His providence. He knows our need, and if we seek Him with all our hearts, He will "supply all our need according to His riches in glory, by Christ Jesus."

God emphasizes the fact that we should seek Him. We should do this personally and privately; also, we should seek Him unitedly and publicly. He has commanded this. The Word of God is very explicit concerning that matter. To those who shall be living just before the close of the Gospel dispensation He says: "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for He is faithful that promised;) and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

There are many very obvious reasons why such gatherings are necessary. We need to meet for united prayer and mutual edification; to renew our covenants with God and each other; to extend our personal acquaintances and cement our friendships; to review the reasons for our blessed hope and the progress of our denominational work; to plan together for its enlargement at home and abroad; to become better acquainted with our privileges as officers of the church of the living God; and to better understand the possibilities of the Sabbath-School, Young People's, Home Missionary and Field Missionary Departments of our organization. In this way we shall be able the more intelligently and effectively to co-operate with our people throughout the world in the superhuman task of finishing the work in this generation, and be more certain of sharing with them in its final triumph and the glory that shall follow.

I sincerely wish it were possible for every believer in Scotland and Ireland to attend the general meetings planned for their respective fields during the month of June. They are the only general meetings it is practicable to hold in those fields during the present year. There is so much of importance to occupy our attention at these meetings that it has been necessary to extend the time a few days longer than usual. The brethren in charge have planned accordingly. It will be well for church elders and other officers to visit their members and help them, as much as possible, in planning to attend these meetings. Those in Scotland should write to Pastor Mussen, and those in Ireland to Pastor Jackson concerning anything you wish to know relative to them.

May the Lord richly bless His people in Scotland and Ireland as they plan and labour together for the completion of His work in their respective fields.

J. E. JAYNE.



North England Conference

President: Pastor Alfred E. Bacon

By the time the next issue of the *MISSIONARY WORKER* is in the hands of our members, we shall have had a baptism in Newcastle-on-Tyne; our committee will have made its decision on the place of our forthcoming conference and laid its plans

for the workers until that annual gathering. We shall hope to give a brief report of these interesting events in our next issue.

By the time this *WORKER* is in the hands of our people, our student canvassers will have left the College and started out for their summer's work. We invite you all to pray that God will bless these young men and women and enable them to win their scholarships, return to school, and thus get the necessary training to fit them for some place in this great work.

We would remind our members that Thursday, the 31st, is the last day of the month, and all tithes and offerings should be in before then. Do not delay, as it only hinders, not only your local treasurer, but the conference treasurer, and the work generally.

We hope all are planning to make a substantial Midsummer offering on the 2nd of June. The mission fields look to us on these special occasions to come forward and provide the necessary means for the carrying forward of our great, world-wide work. I am confident that our members in the North England Conference will not disappoint these faithful men and women out at the battle's front but will respond liberally, and thus help forward the day when the work will be finished and all be gathered into the eternal kingdom.

ALFRED E. BACON.



South England Conference

President: F. A. Spearing.

Notes from the President.

WE are glad to be able to announce that eighteen precious souls were baptized on Sabbath, May 19th, at the Watford Town church, Pastor A. S. Maxwell officiating. May all these new members prove faithful to the end, and may they in turn be led to win others.

It was the writer's privilege to attend the public meeting at Cambridge on Sunday, May 20th. The hall was well filled, and those present listened with interest to Pastor W. P. Prescott as he spoke of events about to take place. There should be a good increase in the membership of the Cambridge church through the labours of Pastor Prescott and his associate workers. We are glad to report that the lay members are doing their part to make the meetings a success.

PLEASE don't forget that on Sabbath, June 2nd, the Midsummer Offering for Missions is to be taken up. May the Lord bless all His people in this conference as they give liberally to help the work in the regions beyond.

JUNE 16th is the date fixed for the baptism at Leyton. We believe that a large number will be ready to go forward at that time. Doubtless other baptisms will take place during the same month.

LET us unitedly pray for the student-colporteurs that this summer may prove to be the most successful in our history.

STUDENT-COLPORTEURS—with all our heart we wish you God-speed as you go out among the people with the books which contain the message. May you find favour with the people, obtain your scholarships, and be used of Heaven to lead many to Christ. To each one of you comes the blessed assurance: "Fear not: for I am with thee." Isa. 43:5.

F. A. SPEARING.

To complete the office file, the Home Missionary Dept. would be glad to have one each of the following numbers of the "Church Officers' Gazette":—

1921.—January, April, June, November.

1920.—August, November, December.

1919.—January, March, May, June, September.

1918.—February, June.

Kindly send to the Home Missionary Department, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts. Thanks!

J. HARKER.

Testimonies Reading Course.

Eleventh Week. May 31st--June 6th. Unity and Love in the Church. Pp. 477-490 (Vol. 5). Love among brethren. Pp. 341-138.

"By his baptismal vows, every member of the church has solemnly pledged to guard the interests of his brethren. All will be tempted to cling to their own cherished plans and ideas, which appear sound to them; but they should watch and pray, and endeavour, to the utmost of their ability, to build up the kingdom of Jesus in the world."—Page 480.

Twelfth Week. June 7th-13th. Christian Forbearance. Pp. 331-336. Worldly Ambition. Pp. 336-341.

"God does not regard all sins as of equal magnitude; there are degrees of guilt in His estimation as well as that of finite man. But however trifling this or that wrong in their course may seem in the eyes of men, no sin is small in the sight of God. The sins which man is disposed to look upon as small may be the very ones which God accounts as great crimes. The drunkard is despised and is told that his sin will exclude him from heaven, while pride, selfishness, and covetousness go unrebuked. But these are sins which are especially offensive to God. He 'resisteth the proud,' and Paul tells us that covetousness is idolatry. Those who are familiar with the denunciations against idolatry in the Word of God will at once see how grave an offence this sin is."

Thirteenth Week. June 14th-20th. Christian Growth. Pp. 263-272. Faithfulness in the work of God. Pp. 272-285.

"Truth must be apprehended by the intellect, received into the heart and its principles incorporated into the character and then there must be a constant effort to win others to accept it."—P. 272.

"If the mind is allowed to run almost entirely upon trifling things, and the common business of every day life, it will, in accordance with one of its unvarying laws become weak and frivolous, and deficient in spiritual power."—P. 272.

"We individually have a case pending in the courts of heaven"—P. 279.

At Rest.

OXLEY.—The North Manchester church and the cause in the north has sustained a grievous and heavy loss by the sudden death, at the age of 51, of Brother Austin Oxley. Brother Oxley accepted the teachings of the denomination twenty-seven years ago through reading "Present Truth" brought to him by Brother F. Holland of America, brother to T. Holland, the present leader of the Bolton company. Later he came under the influence of Elder D. E. Robinson, who was then labouring in Manchester. For about twelve years, along with his wife, he was engaged in the colporteur work in Lancashire and in Ireland. Up to his death he filled the office of local elder of the North Manchester church, which office he had held for nine years. His gifts as a teacher, a preacher, and along the lines of practical church work were considerable. The word "faithful" fitly sums up his life and character in domestic, business and church life. The strength of his personal witness may be judged by the testimony of a late employer, who was present at the funeral: "But for his absolute integrity I should have given up my faith in Christianity." Thus did our departed brother present to others the unanswerable argument of a consistent life. On the day of his death, Thursday, May 10th, he was on his way to the weekly prayer-meeting, and was within two minutes' walk of the meeting place, when he suddenly collapsed and died half an hour later in the infirmary. Valvular heart trouble was the cause of his death. With sorrowing hearts we laid him to rest, but with a sure and certain hope of a glorious resurrection at the coming of Jesus. He leaves a wife, a brother and a sister to mourn their loss, and he will be sadly missed by a large circle of friends connected and unconnected with this cause. As she is not able to reply to the many letters of sympathy which have reached her from all parts, Sister Oxley desires through the *WORKER* to express her heartfelt thanks to all those who have so feelingly shared her sorrow and helped to sustain her in the blessed hope.

H. F. DE'ATH.

BASHER.—On Sabbath afternoon, April 28th, dear little Nora Basher passed away at the age of 13. For some time now she has suffered considerably but through it all has manifested wonderful patience. Although young, she exerted a powerful influence on all with whom she came in contact. Everybody loved her; everybody will miss her. We laid her to rest in the Hare-

hills Cemetery, there to await the call of her Saviour, and we have this confidence that little Nora will be found among that company who will answer. Our hearts go out to the parents and family in this hour of trial.

E. E. CRAVEN.

PEARMAN.—On Sabbath morning, April 28th, Brother Pearman, one of our aged Sabbath-keepers, passed away. Our good brother was blind, but thirteen years ago he saw the light of the Sabbath truth, to which he remained faithful to the end. His prayers were powerful sermons. He was fully acquainted with His Redeemer and thoroughly believed he would see Him in the latter day. Our prayer is that God will sustain and comfort his dear wife.

E. E. CRAVEN.

WILLIAMS.—Swansea church has sustained a loss in the death of Brother J. Williams, who died on April 17th after a long and somewhat painful illness. The truth was first brought to the notice of our good brother by Pastor W. J. Young during his effort two years ago, and he was finally led to take his stand through the good work of Sister Lenanton some time later. Those of us who watched him being laid to rest at Danygraig Cemetery on April 20th rejoiced in the thought that he died peacefully in the blessed hope and the soon coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and feeling certain that he would have a part in the first resurrection.

D. J. S. FRANCIS.

ADVERTISEMENTS

WANTED.—In a Seventh-Day Adventist home, a good general help. Apply: Mrs. J. Gordon, Douglas House, Danbury, Nr. Chelmsford, Essex.

WANTED.—Situation where Sabbath can be kept by engine driver, single, age 24. Six years' experience with traction and stationary engines. Apply: J. R. Wilkin, c/o Mrs. Parks, High Street, Ulceby, North Lincs.

CIVIL ENGINEER.—A M.Inst. C.E. requires post as civil engineer or estate agent where Sabbath can be kept. Would be willing to accept situation in any similar capacity. Apply: A.K., "Highlands," Lewis Road, Nr. Gravesend.

TO LET FURNISHED.—Bed- and sitting-room (with use of piano and kitchen) pleasantly situated; ten minutes' walk from town and station; would suit middle-aged couple with little means and wishing to canvass and lead meetings. For terms apply to Mrs. S. Powell, 3 Bloreng View, Belmont Road, Abergavenny.

TO S.D.A.'S REQUIRING PRINTING.—Billheads, 1,000 4/9; 5,000 15/6. Handbills, etc., equally as cheap; samples free. Apply: The Electric Press, Bentham, Lancaster.

WANTED.—Respectable girl desires post (preferably in S. Wales) where Sabbath can be kept. Write E.S., 95 Sturgeon Road, Kennington, S.E.17.

FOR SALE.—Good Health Adjustable Bodices. Unsurpassed for comfort; easy to wash; thoroughly hygienic; fulfil all the requirements of the conventional corset. If you have not tried one, take the opportunity now, and you will regain health and strength. Special price, 7/-—worth double. Apply: The International Health Association, Ltd. (G.H. Dept.), Watford.

WANTED.—A young girl desires situation as help in home where Sabbath can be kept; live in. For further particulars apply as soon as possible to: Miss M. Radcliffe, 6 Knightland Road, Upper Clapton, London, N.

FOR SALE.—Two motor cycles, "McKenzie," 1½ h.p., price £15; "Economic," 2 h.p., with lamps, etc., £25. Buckle, 2 Coldharbour Lane, Bushey.

FOR SALE.—Youth's best indigo long trouser suit; plain coat back; fit boy 14 or 15 years of age. Practically new; cost 110/-; sacrifice 35/-. Also "Ladies' Guide," by Dr. Kellogg; new, 10/-. Apply: L.E., 106 Bonnygate, Cupar, Fife, Scotland.

TO LET.—Comfortable, furnished cottage; ¼ hour's walk from station. Suitable for anyone needing restful change. Terms moderate. Apply: E. Lester, Dry Gill, Greenhow Hill, Pateley Bridge, Yorks.

FOR SALE.—I "Desire of Ages" (plain cloth), price 5/-. I "Patriarchs and Prophets" (marbled edges), price 7/6. Apply: Wm. Brown, 41 Grey Street, Newmilns.

For those requiring a home from home.—One minute from sea and country; terms moderate; with or without board. Apply: L. M. Forrest, 20 Avenue Road, Sandown, Isle of Wight.

Circulation Department Notes

IN planning to improve the packing of goods sent out from the publishing house, we propose to use fiberite cases as far as possible. It will be well to know that our standard-size case holds 140 copies of "Steps to Christ" or 100 copies of "Present Truth" and 110 "Steps." We assure our brethren and sisters that we are most anxious to eliminate every possible cause for complaint and to render the best service possible; helpful suggestions therefore will be welcome, and should you receive a parcel or package not properly packed or otherwise delivered in an unsatisfactory condition, please write us fully on the matter at once, so that we may go into the circumstances and remedy the defect if possible.

WE are always glad to pass on to our brethren and sisters any advantage possible in the way of obtaining our books as cheaply as possible for their own use. For this reason we announce that we have a few copies of books that are damaged, shop soiled, or otherwise imperfect, which are as follows:—

7	"Daniel and the Revelation," marble	5/-	postage extra
3	"Daniel and the Revelation" gilt	6/-	" "
3	"Great Controversy" marble	5/-	" "
3	"Great Controversy" gilt	6/-	" "
4	"Patriarchs and Prophets" marble	5/-	" "
6	"School of Health" plain	2/6	" "
1	"Bible Readings" half leather	12/-	" "
9	"The World Task"	1/-	" "

THE Sabbath-school lesson pamphlets are now ready for delivery, and we shall be glad to receive all orders for next quarter's supplies promptly. We have ordered larger quantities of both the Senior and the Junior books than heretofore, and we therefore hope that there will be no shortage this quarter. Still, it is always well to be in good time, so please let us have your orders at once.

It is with sincere regret that we announce an increase in the yearly subscription to the "Review and Herald." On July 1st the price will be 12/-. For some time we have sustained a loss of 4d. on every subscription, but we will gladly book up all orders received until July 1st at the old price of 10/6. This increase in the price is made necessary owing to the rise in the cost of material, and incidentally we should mention that when our present stocks of American trade books are exhausted we shall be obliged to list the new supplies at an increase in price above our regular catalogue prices. In view of this information our readers will be wise in taking full advantage of our Special Sale of trade books which, by the way, would never be offered were it not for the absolute necessity of realizing on our present stock.

SPECIAL attention is directed to the announcement of our Clearance Sale of Trade Books on this page. It should be understood that this exceptional offer is made for one month only—from June 1st to June 30th—and that on July 1st regular catalogue prices will be charged. Also please note that we are dealing only with stock on hand; we cannot order books from America at the sale prices, and inasmuch as the number of some of the most popular books is quite small, prompt application should be made for the books required. All orders will be filled in strict rotation. It is needless to point out that this is a good opportunity to secure a few books for presentation purposes, and we trust that our readers will take full advantage of this generous offer.

THERE is still a good supply of the June "Good Health" on hand, but this stock is not expected to last beyond the 5th of June, whereas the July issue is not due to appear before the 15th. A word to the wise is sufficient. It grieves us to receive orders after the editions are sold out, for we are sorry to disappoint our workers, but having done all that is in our power to avoid disappointment, the blame does not rest with us.

"Present Truth" No. 11 is entirely out of print; we are now delivering "Present Truth" No. 12. If you have not already ordered please do so at once, or you will probably be disappointed, as we are bound to give a definite printing order, based on the estimated number required. When this number is exhausted it is not possible to obtain more. So DO IT NOW if you want "Present Truth" No. 12. E. H. M.

BARGAINS

for one month only

The following books are offered at greatly reduced prices while the present stock lasts and for the specified time only, after which the current catalogue prices will obtain.

This special Clearance Sale begins June 1

Strictly cash with order direct to the Stanborough Press, Watford, Herts.

Achu	.....	3	8
Advance Guard of Missions	.....	3	0
Among Northern Icebergs	.....	1	7
Bible Footlights	.....	5	6
Bible Year	.....	2	0
Blessed Be Drudgery	.....	1	2
Boy Puzzle	.....	1	11
Capital and Labour (paper)	.....		9
Capital and Labour (cloth)	.....	1	11
Confidences—for girls	.....	1	6
Elo the Eagle	.....	2	7
Friends and Foes	.....	2	7
Fruit from the Jungle	.....	2	6
Fundamentals of Geology	.....	4	9
Good Form	.....	2	6
Gospel Primer	.....	2	4
Handbook for Bible Students	.....	6	5
Hand of God in History	.....	1	4
Himself	.....	2	6
House We Live In	.....	4	0
In the Land of the Incas	.....	2	11
John of Wycliffe	.....	1	7
John Ploughman's Talks	.....	1	6
Life on Congo	.....	1	7
Little Pilgrim Stories	.....	3	0
Making Home Peaceful	.....	2	5
Man of Valour	.....	2	6
Making Missions Real	.....	1	0
Men of Mountains (cloth)	.....	2	8
Ministry of Angels (cloth)	.....	2	6
Ministry of the Spirit (cloth)	.....	2	6
Missionary Idea (paper)	.....	1	5
Missionary Volunteers and Their Work	.....	3	0
Native Life in India	.....	1	6
New Testament Primer	.....	2	4
On the Trail of Livingstone	.....	2	5
Preparing for Womanhood	.....	2	6
Printing Press and the Gospel (paper)	.....		8
Questions and Answers, Vol. 2	.....	2	5
Savonarola	.....	1	3
Selections for Little Folks	.....	2	1
Shams	.....	1	3
Sketches of Bible Child Life	.....	3	0
Social Plans	.....	2	0
Source Book for Bible Students	.....	3	8
Spirit World and a Future Life (paper)	.....		6
Stewardship and Missions (paper)	.....	1	0
Sure Word of Prophecy (paper)	.....		6
Seer of Patmos	.....	5	11
Story of Daniel	.....	5	9
Tonga Island	.....	1	6
Truths—for Boys	1	6
Two Cannibal Archipelagoes	1	6
What Think Ye of Christ?	1	9
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June 1, 1923.

PROFESSOR LACEY bade farewell to the College on Tuesday, May 15th, sailing the following day for the States, where he will attend an Educational Convention.

THIS week sees the close of another College year. There will be no less than twenty-two graduates—eight ministerial, four Bible-workers, five teachers, and five nurses.

ON Monday evening, May 28th, the annual social was held in the College dining-room, and was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. On Tuesday evening, diplomas were distributed to the graduates. We hope someone from the College will send us a full report of the proceedings for the next issue of the WORKER.

A LARGE number of the students are going into the canvassing field for the summer vacation. We wish them all abundant success. Let the whole field pray for these young people as they face—some for the first time—the stern facts of real life away from the shelter of the College home.

IN this issue will be found a number of intensely interesting reports from our missionaries. We were very glad to get them from our workers at this particular time, just when the special Midsummer Offering is about to be taken up. We are sure that all will have their interest in foreign missions deepened by these reports. Let the increased interest be reflected in an increased offering on Sabbath, June 2nd.

WE have been sorry that some of our missionaries have written us deploring the "sigh of relief" which they felt had gone up from the British field when the main burden for supporting the African missions was taken over by the European Division. We hasten to reassure them that the interest of this field in foreign missions, and particularly in those fields for which it has been caring so long, is not diminished in the least. The general increase of mission offerings is a sure indication of that. No! The "sigh" was misinterpreted; it was a whispered groan. The British field was sorry to lose its missions, but, realizing its inability to evangelize half Africa and 45,000,000 at home with a base of only 3,500 members, it reluctantly conceded the transference of the missions to a financially stronger section of the movement. But this field will not relax its efforts for missions because of this. Let the missionaries be assured that the homeland stands behind them. And let the Midsummer Offering be a demonstration of British loyalty to foreign missions.

WE have just received word from the Southend church stating that their Band of Hope has won the shield offered for the society which gains the highest number of marks in writing up an address delivered by the secretary of the district union of Bands. The prize was presented at the annual rally by the mayoress. Hearty congratulations to Southend, and to Brother Weston, the leader of the Band.

SCOTLAND and Ireland will be the first to hold their annual meetings this year. The Scottish Conference will convene on June 14th and the Irish meeting on June 22nd. Further particulars will be given in the next issue.

SABBATH, May 19th, was a very happy occasion for the Watford Town church, eighteen candidates going forward in baptism. Eleven of these came from Stanborough Park and seven were brought to a decision during the recent series of meetings in the Town. Thus a third of the number prayed for last December have been added to the church, and the allotted time has yet several weeks to run. For the first time in its history the church's membership now totals 100.

LOOK out for the next issue of "Present Truth" and prepare to order in large quantities. We are putting on the first page that wonderful picture of Christ praying in Gethsemane. Then the main article inside will be: "Did a Good God make a Bad World?" by Geo. McCready Price. The paper will sell at sight. Without any question everybody will be ordering extra quantities and therefore if you want to avoid disappointment order at once and order "big."

WE regret that lack of space has compelled us to hold over the first quarter's Sabbath-school report till the next issue.

Baptism in Ireland.

WE are happy to report that eight believers, five sisters and three brethren, were baptized and received into church fellowship on Sabbath, May 5th. Six of this number joined the Belfast church, one united with the Banbridge church, and one joined the Mission church. This was indeed a high day in the experience and work of our people in Belfast. The baptismal ceremony and the preliminaries thereto proved to be a most inspiring and uplifting exercise. Hearts were melted with joy at these new signs of triumph for the cross of Christ as uplifted in the third angel's message. The baptismal service was carried out under most felicitous circumstances and for this favour and convenience we are indebted to the officers and members of the Belfast church, who very thoughtfully and at great sacrifice installed a most useful water-heating apparatus for the baptistery. We were ably assisted at this service by Pastor Whiteside and Brother Shaw, the church elder, and many other willing helpers.

It will be of interest to the WORKER family to know that there has been an excellent interest in the Sunday evening lectures on the message that have been presented in an inexpensive hall in the centre of Belfast during the winter and early spring. And I feel it is of importance to remark that great religious revivals have been witnessed in many parts of the city under the auspices of various religious denominations and many have been led to study their Bibles. One evening in the week we have the privilege of preaching to, and studying with, a score or more young men who are converts from the Nicholson Mission. These fine young shipyard workers and others have a keen relish for the Bible and the Bible only and in the main are drinking in the truth. Some of these also attend our Sunday evening services. We would solicit the sympathy and prayers of our Irish brethren and sisters everywhere and the believers generally that these new members so recently baptized and others who are coming along may prove to be a tower of strength to the cause.

One more word in closing. We happen to know that our Belfast church is needing some money badly just now for church renovation work and other very necessary improvements. We would like to invite any who may read these lines and who would like to help the Belfast work to send their gifts to me at above address, and I will see they are acknowledged and passed on to the Belfast church treasurer.

Killead Manse,

Muckamore, Co. Antrim.

F. S. JACKSON.

SUNSET CALENDAR.

	LONDON	CARDIFF	EDINBURGH
June 1st	9.6	9.18	9.43
June 8th	9.13	9.26	9.53