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## *The European Division Council*

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"AFTER this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands." Rev. 7:9.

Here in Zurich we are having the privilege of seeing this prophecy in process of fulfilment. The white robes and the palms are reserved for a future gathering, but here certainly are many "of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues" who will one day rejoice in that glorious meeting of the redeemed before the throne of God. Here, too, are those "who have come out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." Verse 14.

Without any question this is the most remarkable meeting of the people of God ever held on the European continent. Representatives are here from every country except Russia. Unfortunately no one could get permission from the Soviet Government to attend the Council on behalf of the nine thousand believers in that unhappy land. However, other countries have made up the lack in numbers, delegations of considerable size coming from Germany, Scandinavia, Rumania, the Latin Union, and Great Britain, besides the representatives from smaller fields.

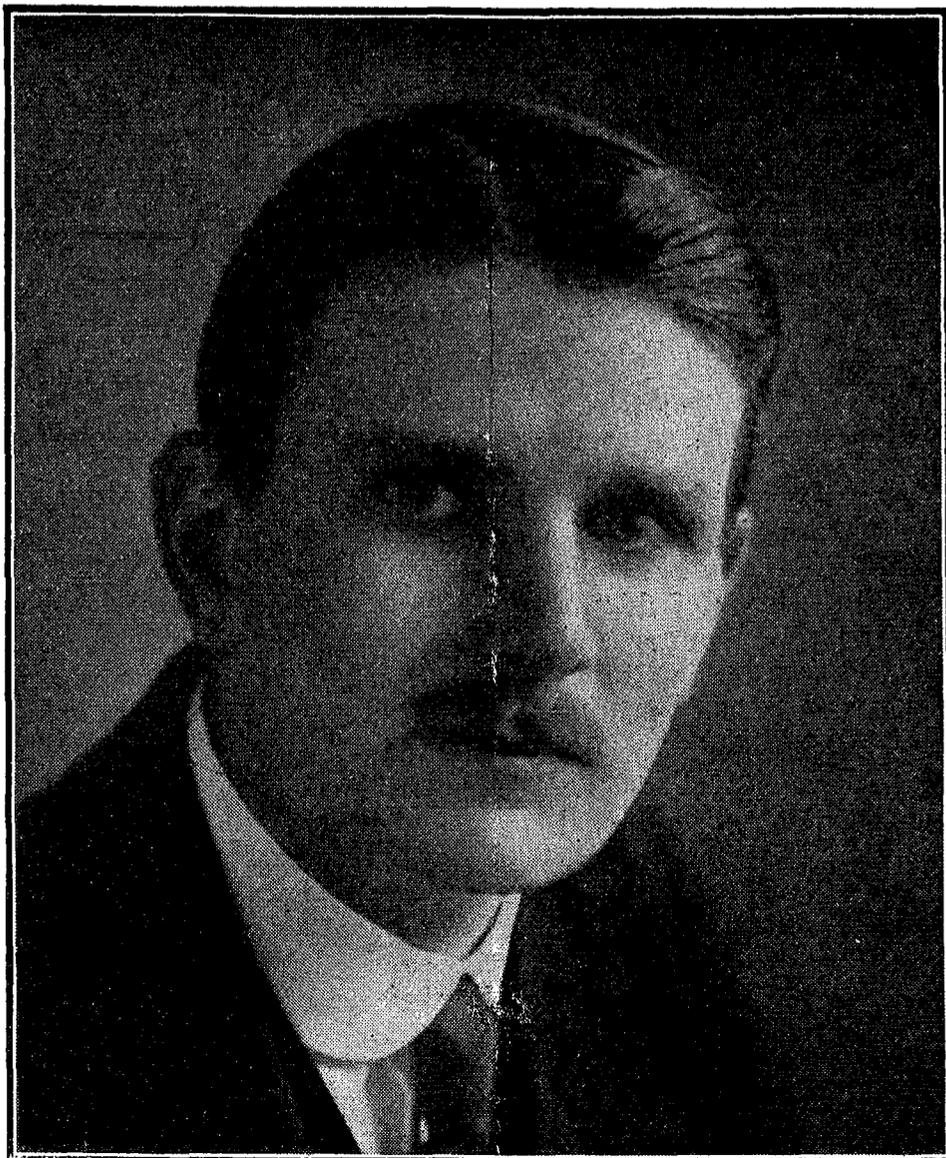
It is twelve years since a similar meeting was held. That was before the war. What changes have been wrought since then! How has the work of God increased! Then there were about 28,000 members in the Division, now there are over 63,000. Though the nations have torn each other asunder and millions of lives have

been sacrificed, God's cause has gone steadily forward and is now in a stronger position than ever before. While the nations have been fighting the war and the "peace," God's people have held together. National feelings have been subdued by the grace of Christ and mutual love for this great cause of truth has bound all hearts together and carried the message forward from victory to victory.

Only the truth of God and the love of Christ could make such a meeting as this possible. Outside, in the realm of international politics, conditions are to-day more strained than they have been for many months. The bitterest animosities are being aroused in the breasts of multitudes over the question of the Ruhr, the Turkish "settlement," and a score of other minor complications. But here at the conference all is different. A beautiful atmosphere of Christian peace pervades everything and everybody. Representatives from Greece and Turkey are the best of friends. Germans and French shake hands together as brethren in the faith. Delegates from Rumania and Bulgaria might have been born under the same roof. As for the Britishers, they're glad to "shake" with anybody. What a pity the various governments don't come here and learn the only way out of inter-racial difficulties!

### THE MEETING OPENS.

It is Friday morning, July 13th. Under a blazing sun, which would do justice to the tropics, we wend our way to the fine hall on the Pelicanstrasse in which the meetings are to be held. To us English folk, who are more used to cloudy skies, the heat seems rather oppressive, but the people from southern regions appear to revel in it.



PASTOR A. S. MAXWELL.

Our interest, however, is soon weaned from the discomforts of profuse perspiration. Familiar faces are identified among the crowd gathered at the doorway and in the hall. We feel surprised how many Adventists we have come to know. There are the usual greetings. "Well, well, whoever would have thought of seeing you here?" "How do you do, brother, do you remember me?" etc., etc. We rack our brains to remember the names of all the people who greet us but do not always succeed. However, a tight grip and a broad smile get us over many difficulties.

Here comes Brother Spicer, cheery as ever, and with a bright word for everybody. We wonder his hand doesn't get dislocated with handshakes, like the Prince of Wales'. Over there is Brother Christian, sedate and pensive, with the look of one of powerful mind wrestling with great problems. Coming through the door is Brother Conradi. Sprightly and energetic, he seems to have taken a new lease of life. Behind him is Brother James of the General Conference Sabbath-School Department, one of America's best. As we see him again we recall the splendid time spent in his company at the recent Scottish and Irish conferences and the excellent help he gave to the Sabbath-school and other departments at those meetings.

Going in to the main hall we soon catch sight of Brethren Shaw and Howell, towering, like Saul of old, above all their fellows. And here comes Brother Hall, of the Publishing Department. It is good to meet again one who has done so much for this branch of the cause. Behind him and beyond in the body of the hall we recognize Brethren J. C. Raft, W. K. Ising, H. F. Schubert, W. E. Read, P. P. Paulini, A. V. Olson, and a score of others.

We look especially for the German brethren who have come from a country that is passing through such serious financial straits. We expect to see them suffering from the effects of the mark collapse. To our relief we find them looking in better health and dressed in better clothes than many from other lands where the exchange is far better. We rejoice at our disillusionment and pass on wondering at the mysteries of the exchange problem. A brother from Germany enlightens us, however. Owing to the rapid fall of the mark, everyone in Germany spends his earnings immediately in order to invest in something that will not depreciate so rapidly as the mark. It is the inevitable policy in a land where the currency depreciates at the rate of 100,000 a day.

Having completed our greetings for the time being, we settle down to enjoy the feast of good things provided for the conference. At the outset Brother Christian calls for the representatives of the various fields to stand up and show themselves to the rest. He said he wanted all to get acquainted with one another. He was successful, at least to a degree, for the seated ones were all tremendously interested in those who had to stand. There were about 150 from the three German Unions, 35 from the Latin Union, 26 from the Scandinavian Union, 14 from the British Union, 8 from Czecho-Slovakia, 5 from Rumania, 5 from the Levant Union, 4 from Poland, 4 from Latvia and Esthonia, 4 from Jugo-Slavia and 4 from Hungary. The African Missions were represented by Brother Keough from Egypt.

As we looked at these various delegations and thought of the many thousands of believers they represent in their various fields, a new vision burst upon our mind of the greatness of the work in this European Division and of the power of this message which can win souls by the hundred in any country, under any circumstances, and make them all one people in Christ.

Think of it! In Germany, Holland and Switzerland we have to-day nearly 30,000 members. In Rumania there are now over 4,000—300 more than in the British Union—in the Latin Union, 2,700, in the Scandinavian Union over 9,000. Included in this latter figure are 1,000 in Esthonia and 1,500 in Latvia, countries once part of the Russian Empire. What has been done in these places reveals the great possibilities before the work in Russia when present restrictions shall be removed. Already, as we have stated, there are over 9,000 members here. Poland, too, has over 1,100 members. In the European Missions, which stretch from Iceland in the north to the Congo in the south, there are over 1,700 believers.

These figures reveal the marvellous progress which the message has made in recent years. It is not yet half a century

since Brother James Andrews was sent out from the States as our first missionary to Europe. Surely God has done great things for His message and His people.

One of the most interesting meetings of the first day of the Council was the one devoted to the reports from the union presidents. Each one was given fifteen minutes. The first to speak was Pastor J. E. Jayne, our British Union president. Brother Jayne confined his remarks largely to showing the great possibilities before the work in England if adequate investment in evangelistic work were made. The people of England will respond to the message, he said. That is made evident by the recent baptism of over one hundred souls as a result of efforts in London, Watford, and other places. But England has not the means to undertake evangelistic work upon the scale on which it should be conducted. Pastor Jayne showed how such an investment, rightly used, would benefit the European Division. If its membership were doubled, Great Britain would become not only fully self-supporting but by far the greatest financial asset of the Division. It is to be hoped that its appeal for funds to evangelize the forty-five millions in the British Isles will not pass by unanswered.

Pastor G. W. Schubert reported for the Central European Division and told of the addition of six hundred members in six months. Pastor Frauchiger, president of the Czecho-Slovakian Union Conference, told of progress in his field, reporting eighty-six souls added during the first six months of this year. He told also of the great blessing which the new publishing house in his union had brought to the work there. He voiced the appreciation of his field for the gift from the General Conference which had made the purchase of the publishing house possible. His field is almost entirely Catholic, but the workers are carrying on with good courage, baptizing many souls despite the opposition of the priests.

Among the many interesting things in the report of Pastor A. V. Olson, the president of the Latin Union, was the story of the remarkable growth in Lisbon, the capital of Portugal. In that city we now have the largest Protestant church of any denomination, also a fine building which is used as a meeting place and head-quarters. Pastor Olson told of the remarkable development of the colporteur work in his field. The French publishing house is now running night and day in order to supply the demands of the canvassers. Brother Green is at the head of a band of one hundred colporteurs, a large number of whom are students working for their scholarships. During the last three years the membership increase in the Latin Union has been forty per cent. Turning to the needs of the union, Pastor Olson said that the chief needs were the enlargement of the publishing house, a new publishing house for Italy, a meeting place in Paris, and more preachers. He said there were only nine among the forty millions of France and only one ordained minister and six licentiates for the forty millions of Italy. Regarding Italy, however, he said that the prospects were never so bright as now. Over one hundred believers have been added in the last two years, which is an increase of one hundred per cent. The colporteur work, however, has increased far more than that. Books to the value of one hundred thousand lire are now being sold every year and so great has been the success that every member, old and young, wants to enter the colporteur work.

Brother P. P. Paulini reported for the Rumanian Union, telling of further remarkable developments there. Although the membership given in the statistical report for the first quarter of 1923 was 3,836 he brought the good news that this was already out-of-date as the membership had passed the 4,000 mark already. Pastor Schillinger reported for the Jugo-Slavian Union, telling of growth and progress in that field. The Levant Union was represented by its president, Pastor Erzberger. His was a sad story. He told of workers being killed and of the scattering of the flock through persecution and massacre. Some have also been banished into the interior. During a recent tour of his field he found some who had heard of this message thirteen years ago and were awaiting baptism. Another had waited nine years and through all this time of disaster and suffering had managed to preserve a Bible. This had kept him in the faith. Of the members of this union one-quarter are now in Constantinople, one-quarter in Syria, one-quarter in the East and the rest in America.

At the close of his report the Council sent a message of greeting and condolence to the suffering brethren and sisters in the Levant Union.

Brother Isaacs reported for the Polish Union. He has 1,123 members among a population of thirty millions. He told of good progress with the colporteur work in spite of considerable opposition. The Government allows no propaganda for any other religion than that of the State and this makes it very difficult for our work. He told of a meeting in Galicia where, to avoid detection by the authorities, the baptism had to be held at midnight. In the morning detectives arrived and arrested all the members of the church. They were taken before a judge and sentenced to three months in jail. However, definite action was postponed and the members will have to appear again before the court shortly. Brother Isaacs appealed for more Polish workers and asked anyone who knew of suitable persons to let him know at once.

The Friday evening service was taken by Elder Conradi, who directed his sermon to the three hundred preachers present. He based his remarks upon Paul's statement, "Ye are my epistle." Sabbath morning we enjoyed a spiritual feast from Brother Spicer, whose homely address touched many hearts. At the close all rose to signify their renewed consecration of heart and life to God and His cause. In the afternoon Elder Christian gave us a picture of world conditions, pointing out how the present chaos is a sign of the approaching end. He appealed to all to get a new vision of God, of God's ideal for His people, of world conditions, and of the world's need. To get such a vision our eyes would need to be anointed with the heavenly eye-salve. Rev. 3:18.

Sunday morning brought further excellent Bible studies and the opening of the business of the Council. We shall have more to say upon these matters in our next report.



## OUR CHURCH SCHOOLS

OUR church schools are closing for the summer holiday on July 24th.

British Union Conference examination questions have now been sent out and we trust all will reach the standard set.

### Importance of Home and School

THE importance of the work of the home can scarcely be overestimated. By the example and teaching of the parents, the success of their children in this life, and their eternal destiny, are very largely determined. To all fathers and mothers some day will come the question put to a king and queen of ancient Israel, "Where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?" Jer. 13:20. Would that all Seventh-Day Adventist parents could answer, "Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given me."

The parents in our churches have much to do in these days. They have a most definite part to act in the message that is to draw parents and children together before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. The families of Seventh-Day Adventists should be models in every way. Wherever a family tree is planted, there should be found by those around it no occasion for fault or criticism.

Parents' and teachers' meetings should be held in the churches and schools as often as possible. The following are some suggestive topics from which to choose. Two or more may be combined into one. Others may need subdividing.

1. Importance of the home.
2. Duty of a husband and father.
3. Duty of a wife and mother.
4. Fathers and mothers of the Bible.
5. Love in the home.
6. Importance of child study.
7. Child culture.

8. Companionship of parents and children in study, domestic duties, social life, and Christian work.
9. The child's religious life.
10. Behaviour in the house of God.
11. How not to discourage.
12. Family worship.
13. How to observe the Sabbath.
14. How to foster unselfishness.
15. Teaching obedience.
16. Teaching truthfulness.
17. Teaching to give.
18. Home finances.
19. Industry and idleness.
20. Habits.
21. Dress.
22. Health and temperance.
23. Social purity.
24. Teaching the mysteries of life.
25. Pitfalls for boys.
26. Pitfalls for girls.
27. Adolescence.
28. Sentimentalism.
29. Music in the home.

MRS. H. H. HOWARD.

### Remember Your Relatives

THE Bible very clearly emphasizes the principle that all have a definite responsibility in personal ministry in behalf of those who are near of kin. The experiences of Abraham and Lot; Moses, Aaron, and Miriam, besides scores of others in both the Old and New Testaments well illustrate this truth. It is encouraging to see the same principle operating amongst God's remnant people. There are cases where whole families, as well as an outside circle of relatives, have given themselves to the Lord and His message, through the quiet ministry of some "Andrew" who regarded it his first business to find his brother and bring him to the Lord. Sometimes it takes long years to bring about a definite response on the part of those for whom we labour, but we should not despair.

Recently, one of our good sisters had the joy of witnessing the baptism of her husband after twenty years of prayer and waiting. We are reminded too that James, the brother of Jesus, did not join the early band of disciples till after the death and resurrection of Christ. The following extracts from a letter sent to the Stanborough Press show the burden which one dear brother carries for his kindred. It also emphasizes the importance of our literature as an agency in soul winning.

"Dear Secretary,  
"I ordered some years ago the 'Present Truth,' to be sent to my two sisters and brother. I have an account with the Signs Publishing Co. at Warburton, and I used to pay for those papers through that office. As I have not received an account from you for a long time, I am wondering if you have stopped the papers. I hope this is not so. I wished them to be sent on regularly and am praying that the eyes of my people may be opened to see the truth for to-day. For six or seven years my wife and children were against me. But now my wife and four children have accepted the truth. One of my daughters, Mrs. — is in India, and another is at school at 'Avondale.' I wish to see all my children and brother and sisters in the homeland brought to know the message.

"My brother lives at—. He does not write to me. I wish someone would look him up, and also that you would send 'Present Truth' to my old companion who lives at—. I wrote to my sister's daughter last week, warning her to have nothing to do with Spiritualists and I promised to send her the book, 'Rocks Ahead.'

"If you have the little book, 'Straightening Out Mrs. Perkins,' please send one each to my sisters and brother, and a copy to Mr.—. I have twenty-four to loan and give away. It is well written and should convince even the most sceptical person about the Sabbath."

This good brother is well advanced in life and lives some thousands of miles from many of his relatives, but anyone can see the burden he carries for those still outside the fold.

Let us remember the command of Christ to the restored demoniac, "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee." Mark 5:19.

The Spirit of prophecy, commenting on this Scripture, says: "This is the witness for which our Lord calls, and for the want of which the world is perishing." J. HARKER.



F. A. Spearing

# South England Conference.

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S. G. Joyce

## After Zurich—Battersea

WE will leave to others the task of writing a report of the Zurich Council, but in view of our coming conference session a few remarks on this subject may not be out of place.

We were reminded daily, hourly, as we came into contact with our brethren from Germany, Scandinavia, France, Spain, Rumania, Egypt, and the many other countries represented here, that ours is a world-wide work. While it is our duty to press the battle to the gates in our local field, it is equally important that we labour for those who dwell in the darker regions of earth. As we think of these dear people, shall we not pledge ourselves to *give* all we can for the sacred cause of missions, and, during the Ingathering Campaign shortly to commence, *get* all we can for the same purpose.

We were very much struck by a statement made by Elder W. A. Spicer in one of the many soul-stirring addresses he delivered at the Council. "In Fiji," he said, "a few hundreds were won to Christ in twenty-five years. But God poured out His Spirit, and now more is accomplished in a few weeks than in twenty-five years formerly."

If the Spirit of God is poured out upon *this* field to the same extent as in Fiji, what great results may be looked for! Instead of a few being added to the church, hundreds and thousands will be won in a short time. Shall we not *all* pray for this outpouring during the coming conference, and plan, if possible, to be present to share in the showers of blessing.

God willing, Pastor J. S. James, associate secretary of the General Conference Sabbath-School Department, and Elder J. C. Raft, field secretary of the European Division, will be with us at our meetings. Other help may also be expected.

Where delegates have not been elected, this matter should be attended to without delay. All desiring accommodation should write to Brother F. E. Powell, Lindrick House. Delegates should plan to be present at the first business meeting of the conference, Thursday, August 9th, 10.30 a.m.

Meetings, as announced, will be held in the Battersea Town Hall, Lavender Hill, London, S.W. First meeting, Wednesday, August 8th, 7.30 p.m. Last meeting, Sunday, August 12th, 7 p.m.

On Monday, August 13th, a workers' meeting will be held. This meeting will continue throughout the entire day. All conference workers, therefore, should plan to remain at Battersea until the close of these meetings.

We are glad to report a gain of £500 in tithe, and of ninety in membership, during the first half of this year.

F. A. SPEARING.

## Circulars—Their Use and Abuse

THE department secretary scratched his head. The problem was a big one. 44 churches and companies, 150 isolated! They loomed big in his vision as he attempted to pass them in review and see his two departments forging ahead to the success he desired. He pondered, grew perplexed. Ideas flowed fast. But how to reach those scattered churches and isolated and get them afire with the ideas presented no small difficulty. If he relied solely on visits he would discover (like the town painter of lamp-posts) that by the time he had completed all, the first receivers of the visit had slipped back, surely and discouragingly, to their former dimness.

CIRCULARS—the very idea—the only possible idea! But circulars were banned. They had been overdone. Folk were tired of pages of poorly typed "twaddle." They had

been abused. The term "waste-paper basket" was linked inseparably with the very thought of a circular.

The distressed secretary saw light, saw his aims realized, if only he could persuade his superiors that it was *the* way out. He ventured and won. Now, to be effective the circular must be interesting, attractive, issued punctually with well organized method and must *tell the story*.

Six months have gone. That one-time distressed secretary has acted and is delighted with the results. He desires you to share the pleasure, and so here gives some figures that prove what a wonderful asset circulars are, when judiciously combined with the other departmental work. In 1922 no monthly circular, giving a summary of each month's work, was issued by either the Home Missionary or Missionary Volunteer department of this conference. Since February of this year these summaries were issued for the first time. Note the result:—

### HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT—SECOND QUARTER.

	1922	1923	Increase
No. of churches	44	42	
Churches reporting	35	42	20 p c.
Members reporting	314	696	382
Missionary letters	886	2082	1196
Missionary visits	1189	2710	1521
Bible readings given	298	793	495
Papers distributed	27025	43131	16106
Books distributed	655	2109	1454
Tracts distributed	21092	21503	411
Hours Christian help	2590	6892	4302
Treatments given	210	439	229
Souls won	4	17	13

### MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT—SECOND QUARTER.

	1922	1923	Increase
No. of societies	20	28	8
Membership	333	620	287
Number reporting	98	362	264
Missionary letters	257	761	504
Missionary visits	335	465	130
Bible readings	85	243	158
Papers distributed	12234	10578	
Books distributed	256	535	279
Tracts distributed	6565	7307	742
Hours Christian help	1479	3863	2384
Offerings	£5 11 7	26 0 10	20 9 3
Standard of Attainment		118	118

The departments have doubled their results—and in six months, too!

Thus, if you are ever tempted to abuse the circular that comes to you regularly and faithfully, think of what it means to this section of God's work. Think of it as a personal letter to you, a valuable section of our Intelligence Bureau, and that by a careful association with it you, too, will become intelligent regarding the progress we are making—and the needs. Think of all it has done to assist in the building up of our work during this year. Think also of the joy and relief the circular has brought to the heart of that distressed secretary! And from now on count it one of your most welcome visitors and rely on the secretary to make it one of intense interest.

S. G. JOYCE.

## Brighton

WE are glad to be able to report progress in the Sabbath-school at Brighton during the half year just passed. At the

beginning of the year our Sabbath-school membership was twenty-six. Seven more have been added during the half year and the prospects for a further increase are good. The Lord has also blessed us financially; we have increased our collection by over £8.

Our Rally Day was a great success. The papers given by various members were excellent, and the children's items were much enjoyed. Last, but not least, all have received great spiritual blessing and the lessons have been eagerly and thoroughly studied by all.

VISITORS to Brighton and Hove district during the summer holiday season will be very welcome to the Sabbath services held at the Hove Academy of Music, 93 Church Road, Hove, close to the Hove Town Hall. Buses from all parts pass the door. The Sabbath-school commences at 10.15 a.m. Children are especially welcomed. Church service at 11.15.

ERNEST BALL, *Sabbath-School Secretary.*



## Sabbath-School Convention

THE Sabbath-school convention for South England was held in the Walthamstow Church from July 6th to 8th.

On Friday some fifty conference workers and Sabbath-school officers gathered to hear the opening addresses. Two brief ones were given by Pastors Spearing and Maudsley, and then the time was given to Pastor James, who spoke very ably on "The Relationship of the Sabbath-School Work to the Closing Message."

Sabbath morning we started at 9.15 with the teachers' meeting. Pastor James pointed out that many teachers do not study the lesson as they should during the week and then come to the teachers' meeting Sabbath morning and expect to be given ideas. These ideas they take down and try to give to their classes without having had time to think about them themselves, and yet giving them to the class as though they were their own ideas. Pastor James suggested, therefore, that the teachers' meeting should be held on Wednesday night, then if any new thoughts were received they could be thoroughly digested before being given to the class.

The Sabbath-school at 10 o'clock was conducted by the usual officers of the Walthamstow church. There were 165 persons present.

Following this, at 11.15, Pastor Jayne spoke to us on "The Responsibility of the Sabbath-School Teacher." This, he said, was exactly the same as the responsibility of a pastor to his church. The pastor has to look after his flock, visiting and encouraging them, and the teacher should do likewise. Pastor James followed this by drawing up a model Sabbath-school programme. This aroused much interest and questions began to pour in upon him. One of his statements was that a reviewer should hold his office during a whole quarter, then when his turn ended he would be a model reviewer; another was that the class period should never be cut down to less than half an hour; and further, that the school should be closed reverentially and not merely dismissed as a business meeting. He made a point also that those asked to pray should be given due notice and asked to come upon the platform, that all might hear the prayer.

On the Sabbath afternoon we had some very good papers presented to us. We were startled to hear that there were 400 missing Sabbath-school members from the South England Conference. Some of these, however, are on the Home Department.

Sabbath evening Pastor James gave us his interesting lantern lecture, tracing the growth of the Sabbath-school work.

A number of those who had attended the Sabbath services left at the end of the day, but there were still a good number gathered together on Sunday morning for the workers' meeting, when much good advice was given to the officers and teachers. Pastor Barras gave an excellent paper on "The Daily Study of the Lesson."

In the afternoon the children's work was more especially considered. Miss C. Morgan and Mrs. H. Howard gave excellent papers, the latter demonstrating some methods of training children. Pastor James then showed part of a collection of pictures culled from trade advertisements by a sister in the Mid-

lands. These imparted to us many excellent ideas for the teaching and demonstrating of Bible subjects to children and for decorating their class-rooms.

In the evening Pastor James gave us his lantern lecture on the Tamils of South India.

The general comment at the close of the convention was that it had been thoroughly enjoyable and more interesting than any convention ever before attended.

K. HARGREAVES, *Sabbath-School Secretary.*



## Irish Mission

Superintendent: F. S. Jackson

### Annual Meeting

THE annual meeting of the Irish Mission convened in Belfast commencing on Thursday evening, June 21st, and continuing until Sunday night, June 24th. Earnest prayers had been ascending for weeks previously, requesting that it might be a real spiritual feast, and all who attended felt God had granted more than we had asked or thought. Our devotional and public meetings were exceptionally helpful and uplifting, and in

our business meetings we sensed very really the presence of God as we planned for the interests of His work.

We were so glad to have Pastor and Sister Jayne with us. Their warm friendliness reached the hearts of the Irish people and ensured for them a hearty welcome. Pastor J. S. James was especially appreciated, too, and Pastors Maxwell, Young and Fishell were heartily welcomed, not forgetting Brother H. D. Clarke, whom the Irish members were very pleased to meet.

Pastor James struck a splendid keynote in our first meeting by reviewing in an impressive way the surety and triumph of our message, thus deepening our confidence in it and our zeal for its proclamation. On Friday evening Pastor Maxwell exhorted us to a continual "higher ground" experience, which could be made possible by living up to the privileges afforded us in the promises of God. On Sunday evening he forcefully presented the third angel's message from Rev. 14 to a crowded church, many outside of our faith being present.

On Sabbath morning we were deeply impressed by our Union president's address. It was described by one as "a homely talk full of home thrusts that really went home." It certainly was a heart to heart talk, and could not fail to accomplish great good.

In our business meeting we felt we were *doing* business, not merely talking it, and immediate action assured us that the resolutions were very much more than a dead letter to be shelved.

As the periodical and literature work was discussed Pastor Fishell and our editor gave enthusiastic support. Pastor Maxwell also represented very efficiently the Home Missionary Department, imparting real vim. Our Union President also gave this department a high setting in our church life and we believe our members will respond by working and reporting faithfully, thus demonstrating that Irish folk not only *can* do things but really *do* them.

We appreciated inexpressibly the help Pastor James gave to our Sabbath-school work in all its phases. The teachers gained very real help in their meeting on Sabbath morning, and the lantern lecture was most helpful to all, presenting in a strikingly unique way the importance and accomplishments of the Sabbath-school. We trust this help will be made use of by all, that it may accomplish much for Ireland, and that once

again Erin's Isle may lead the way, not only in offerings, but in our other goals. Needless to say, Pastor Young loyally supported this phase of our work, and also the interests of our young people.

As the meetings closed we felt we had spent a truly profitable week-end, and we pray that each one may carry its influence into the everyday life and work, whatever it may be, that we may each contribute faithfully to the success of the message in Ireland.

We would not fail to express our gratitude to God for His care during a year of unprecedented rebellion and dangers. We seek the prayers of our people that while we have comparative peace we may be strong in Him for His service.

D. E. MOSELEY.



## Welsh Conference

President: W. H. Meredith

### Word from the President

WE are in the middle of one of the most important meetings probably ever held in Europe. More than 300 conference presidents and ministers are present to study the great work to be done and to seek help and inspiration for the better carrying on of the work.

The old grand note sounded in these meetings is the certainty of the message we give to the world, and our hearts rejoice day by day as we hear again and again the proofs of prophecy fulfilled, that the time has come for the last warning to be given to the world, that that work is being done in response to the prophecy, and that we are the people fulfilling the prophecy. May God make us all worthy of our calling and give to us power and wisdom to carry the work to a quick, successful conclusion.

There is no question of the result. God will bring His own work to a glorious triumph. He Who prophesied of the work to be done, He Who began the work at the hour the prophetic clock struck, He Who has staked His own existence on the prophetic utterances—He will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness. Let us be sure that our faith grows as the message makes progress throughout the world, and not allow the enemy to discourage us by any of his subtle attacks. We need ever to remember that God's Word is a sure foundation and all the battlements of hell cannot prevail against it.

Here in the meetings there are many evidences of God's care for His truth and for His servants, many witnesses of the power of the message, and much to make our hearts rejoice. We pray for our people in the homeland that God may by His good Spirit cheer every heart and enable all to fight a good fight and endure unto the end.

It is not yet finally settled who we are to have with us at our conference at Newport. The needs are so great and every field must be carefully considered, but we are hoping that two or more of the General Conference brethren will be with us, and once again we plead with all our good brethren and sisters in Wales to make every effort to be present. Remember, the first meeting of the conference will be held in our own church, Chepstow Road, Newport, on Thursday evening, August 2nd. Be with us from the beginning and stay with us to the end. Come, bringing a blessing with you. Come to get a larger blessing. Come to help others. Come to get help so that we may be better servants of the Master.

W. H. MEREDITH.

### On the Western Ramparts

COMMENDABLE reference has recently been made in the following language by the Stanborough Press in its communications to the conferences concerning the good orders for papers being received from our Swansea church:—

"We wish all our churches would follow the noble example

of Swansea. They have increased their 'Good Health' order from 72 in June to 565 in July, and still keep up their excellent order for 'Present Truth' of over 500 copies each issue."

We are greatly encouraged at this, as are the members of that church who have called it forth. Far from wishing "puff up" the good people at Swansea, the object of this little article is to set forth the results which might be expected to stand associated with such an interest in the circulation of our papers. A recent visit to that place confirmed our expectations. Can any other than a work of grace be manifested where there is a genuine desire to see others illuminated with the Word of truth? At Swansea this is reflected in various ways: A good spirit prevails amongst the members; the desire to help others to an acceptance of the truth is having its effect in their deeper consecration and faithfulness to the message; and there is certainly a better financial support of the Lord's cause by tithes and offerings, as revealed by a comparison of the present with previous records.

One important factor in this encouraging condition of the church in Swansea is that the leaders lead. The elder is out every Sunday morning with his quota of papers—not with a view to financial gain, but as the result of a genuine missionary interest, and with the object of being an example to his flock. In the Sabbath-school the superintendent is amongst those who have been awarded two seals for perfect attendance and daily study for the past two quarters. Little wonder, then, that others have followed suit, and that there is a wholesome atmosphere in the Sabbath-school sessions.

Much good is bound to result from these faithful labours of the Swansea members and, thinking of their fine example, we are again constrained to plead for more of our members individually and our churches as a whole to enter into the blessings associated with the circulation of our message-filled literature.

J. H. PARKIN.



## North England Conference

President: Alfred E. Bacon

### Attention, Please!

WE desire once more to remind all our dear members in the North England Conference of our forthcoming annual session to be held in the Temperance Hall, Derby, from Thursday evening, August 16th, to Monday night, August 20th. Do not fail to make a determined effort to be present. Those who fail to number themselves with the people of God on this occasion will lose a great blessing. It is imperative, at this late hour in the world's history, that all should avail themselves of the great spiritual help and encouragement to be obtained at these gatherings. Soon the last conference will have been held and the faithful will have been gathered home to the eternal kingdom. Brethren and sisters, we beseech you to lay aside every hindrance and come to this annual feast. Plan to be present for the opening service on Thursday night and to remain until the closing one on Monday evening. We shall be sending you further particulars in a few days.

Church clerks who have not sent in their list of delegates, kindly do so not later than August 1st.

A little while back we sent to our church clerks for a full list of the names and addresses of their members. A number have failed to comply with this request. Kindly give this also your immediate attention.

Please see that your tithe and offerings are in the hands of your church treasurer not later than Sunday, July 29th. Treasurers, please send all funds in promptly on Tuesday, July 31st, so that all our accounts may be closed up in good time before the conference.

Looking forward to meeting you all at the conference in Derby, and inviting each member to pray for a great spiritual reformation throughout our conference,

Your brother in the blessed hope,  
ALFRED E. BACON.

## Wedding Bells

ON Thursday, June 14th, at the Ebenezer Primitive Methodist Chapel, Grimsby, Sister Gladys Smith was united in marriage with Brother W. Gregory. The members of the Grimsby church wish them much happiness and Heaven's blessing on their union.

M. SPENCER.

## To Church Elders

WILL Sister Mina Von Tenspold please send her address to the Secretary of the British Union Conference.

## ADVERTISEMENTS

A BROTHER would like to get into communication with a patent agent or with a brother or sister used to tool drawing. Write: S.F., c/o The Stanborough Press, Ltd., Watford, Herts.

WHEN in London stay at "Restholme," 31 Lorne Road, Finsbury Park, N.4. Mrs. Thicke is desirous of taking in paying guests as at Brighton.

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# Canvassers' Book Report for June, 1923

## Scottish Conference

Field Missionary Secretary: F. L. Chapman

Name	Territory	Book	Hrs.	Total Value
Barr, A	Glasgow	S. to C.	50	10 6 0
Bell, G	Aberdeen	O.D.	210	26 17 6
Broadfoot, A	Snetland	D. & R.	985	197 0 6
Chapman, F.	Aberdeen	O.D.	41	9 0 0
Howard, H. D.	Huntly	D. & R.	255	67 9 6
Howie, J.	Glasgow	S. to C.	112	24 17 0
Marsh, A	Aberdeen	O.D.	200	17 9 0
Milne, A	Berwickshire	S. to C.	134	27 8 0
Murdoch, L.	Stirling	O.D.	161	46 6 0
Murdoch, W.	"	"	161	46 10 6
McNoughton, G.	Edinburgh	S. to C.	29	3 13 0
Samways, W.	Linlithgowshire	"	51	5 9 0
Stokes, F.	Roxburgh	D. & R.	118	16 8 0
Whitstone, A.	"	"	117	24 19 0
No. of Agents, 14.		Total.	2024	468 8 0

## Welsh Conference

Field Missionary Secretary: D. Davies

Name	Territory	Book	Hrs.	Total Value
Brooks, R.	Treforest	O.D.	73	13 12 0
Bevan, J. G.	Anglesey	"	99	18 1 6
Evans, G.	Pontardulais	"	210	22 6 0
Freeman, J. G.	Glynarthney	"	185	28 18 6
Fisher, A. W.	Brynmawr	D. & R.	99	13 16 5
Franklin, A. M.	Shrewsbury	S. to C.	161	14 16 3
Davies, O.	Cardiff	O.D.	30	3 13 6
Howell, H. J.	Barry District	D. & R.	125	7 8 6
Llewellyn, Mrs.	Newport, Mon.	S. to C.	66	7 8 0
Morris, A. L.	Aberdare	O.D.	168	13 1 0
Owen, J.	Abercynon	D. & R.	191	31 10 4
Parry, Miss.	Margam	S. to C.	62	9 6 6
Rees, J.	Newport	D. & R.	1	7 6
Woodfield, W. H.	Hereford	O.D.	125	24 9 6
Miscellaneous		D. & R.		17 6
No. of Agents, 14.		Total.	1591	209 13 0

## North England Conference

Field Missionary Secretary: G. D. King

Name	Territory	Book	Hrs.	Total value.
Anderson, Miss.	Byfield	D. & R.	182	57 13 3
Basher, Miss.	Ormskirk	"	76	9 5 6
Beavon, W.	Birmingham	"	101	7 4 6
Belton, B.	Huddersfield	"	183	48 2 6
Bolam, Mrs.	Leeds	S. to C.	73	10 0 0
Bolam, J. R. W.	"	"	200	22 0 6
Bolam, P. W.	Hull	"	200	19 16 3
Davies, B. H. C.	Bradford	"	214	36 18 0
Essery, E. G.	Darlington	D. & R.	118	47 15 0
Gallaher, J. C.	Liverpool	"	216	44 5 0
Glenister, A. G.	Leicester	"	51	2 9 0
Greenhow, J. H.	Wigan	"	228	37 13 10
Gregory, W.	Crowle	R.A.	48	10 7 4
Griffith, G. W.	Birmingham	G.C.	80	30 0 6
Halstead, E.	Oldham	D. & R.	69	28 13 6
Hamblyn, Mrs.	Rugeley	S. of H.	154	40 7 3
Hilton, W.	Hexham	D. & R.	192	31 17 4
Himsworth, I.	Manchester	S. to C.	106	8 3 1
Holland, R. H.	Bolton	"	258	18 0 10
Hosking, E.	Winsford	D. & R.	102	13 16 0
Hulbert, A. E.	Bellingham	"	144	33 11 6
Jacques, E.	Derbyshire	"	186	32 10 6
James, W.	Bradford	S. to C.	210	32 5 0
Laming, W. E.	Rotherham	D. & R.	221	31 2 3
Leck, Miss S.	Blaydon	"	99	3 11 5
Long, W.	Malton	"	9	3 3 0
Ludgate, T. K.	Isle of Man	"	138	11 15 0
Matthews, R.	Hartford	"	74	5 18 0
Mayoh, P.	Blackrod	"	171	48 1 0
Morley, S.	Isle of Man	"	152	28 10 0
Pollard, J. H.	Nottingham	"	139	18 7 10
Reeder, Miss.	Ormskirk	"	85	10 7 10
Reeves, C.	Cheshire	"	67	7 0 0
Rowland, W.	Rotherham	"	202	29 7 0
Rutherford, Mrs.	Sunderland	S. to C.	29	4 6 3
Slow, W.	Kettering	"	39	1 16 0
Thomas, S.	Bolton	D. & R.	152	10 7 0
Thorpe, Mrs.	Todmorden	O.D.	19	5 6 0
Young, E. J.	Oldbury	S. to C.	106	7 6 10
Miscellaneous		"	64	13 19 0
No. Agents, 39.		Total.	5152	863 0 7

## South England Conference

Field Missionary Secretary: J. S. Newman

Name	Territory	Book	Hrs.	Total Value
Benfield, J.	Swindon	D & R.	215	57 0 4
Barrett, Miss	Truro	"	76	12 2 2
Boxall, H. W.	London	"	120	12 16 0
Bustler, Miss.	Caterham	"	226	22 3 6
Bull, F. E.	Newport, I. of W.	S. to C.	267	24 11 0
Chappell, W. G.	Bristol	"	227	28 6 3
Chappell, Mrs.	"	"	182	19 16 3
Dean, J.	Brighton	"	160	11 14 1
Dunn, A.	Southampton	"	81	6 9 10
Hardy, J.	Crewkerne	D & R.	216	58 14 6
Hammet, E.	Norwich	"	171	10 14 6
Howard, J.	Barnstable	S. to C.	126	11 19 1
Hillary, V.	E. Grinstead	"	98	8 15 0
Humphries, H.	Basingstoke	"	131	9 17 9
Kerr, A.	Gravesend	D. & R.	103	8 14 6
Lelean, D.	Norwich	"	135	9 12 0
May, Miss	Hendon	"	35	4 11 0
MacDonald, Miss.	Hailsham	"	204	11 11 2
Kelly, C. L.	Southend	"	140	9 1 6
Kelly, Mrs.	"	"	23	9 6
Nickels, G. D.	Chatteris	"	137	24 0 0
Nielson, A.	Basingstoke	S. to C.	399	35 19 3
Pearce, G.	Woodford	"	209	13 14 11
Joyce, R.	Barnstable	"	103	7 7 0
Raith, W. C.	Wivelscombe	O.D.	173	30 19 0
Stone, E.	Gillingham	D. & R.	107	5 15 6
Sully, Mrs.	Salisbury	"	216	22 13 4
Talley, Miss.	Truro	"	181	23 16 0
Toogood, H.	Bridport	S. to C.	183	26 15 0
Timpany, "	Watford	D. & R.	40	5 5 0
Vince, A. D.	Southend	S. to C.	68	12 2 6
Watson, L.	E. Grinstead	D. & R.	86	5 14 6
Winkworth, A. E.	Bridge	O.D.	137	11 0 6
Watts, Miss.	Bristol	S. to C.	135	11 4 4
Willett, Miss	Hailsham	D. & R.	72	5 14 8
Whaley, S.	Southampton	"	227	17 7 6
Whaley, Mrs.	"	S. to C.	43	1 5 8
Wright, Miss.	Fareham	D. & R.	173	22 18 9
Combridge, S.	Crewkerne	"	212	45 14 6
Miscellaneous		"		16 1 8
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WE are taking the opportunity, while the Editor is at a safe distance (!), of gratifying the wishes of many. On the front page is his picture. Woe betide us when the conferences are over and he comes home!

WE have been asked to announce the arrival, on June 24th, of a little daughter, Constance Edith, at the home of Brother and Sister B. Belton of Huddersfield.

WE very much regret that many obituaries and several good articles have had to be held over until the next issue.

## Testimonies Reading Course

*Twentieth week.*—August 10th to 16th. "God's Love for Sinners," pp. 629-635. "Acceptable Confession," pp. 635-641. "Erroneous Ideas of Confession," pp. 642-650. "God's Presence a Reality," pp. 651-654.

*Twenty-first Week.*—August 17th to 23rd. "Unwise Marriages, Vol. 5, pp. 105-113. "Will a Man Rob God?" pp. 148-157. "Power of the Truth," pp. 157-162.

"We must be much in prayer, if we would make progress in the divine life. When the message of truth was first proclaimed, how much we prayed. How often was the voice of intercession heard in the chamber, in the barn, in the orchard, or the grove. Frequently we spent hours in earnest prayer, two or three together claiming the promise; often the sound of weeping was heard, and then the voice of thanksgiving and the song of praise. Now the day of God is nearer than when we first believed, and we should be more earnest, more zealous, and fervent than in the early days. Our perils are greater now than then. Souls are more hardened. We need now to be imbued with the Spirit of Christ, and we should not rest until we receive it.

"Brethren and sisters have you forgotten that your prayers should go out, like sharp sickles, with the labourers in the great harvest field? As young men go forth to preach the truth, you should have seasons of prayer for them. Pray that God will connect them with Himself, and give them wisdom, grace and knowledge. Pray that they may be guarded from the snares of Satan, and kept pure in thought and holy in heart. I entreat you who fear the Lord to waste no time in unprofitable talk or in needless labour to glorify pride or to indulge the appetite. Let the time thus gained be spent in wrestling with God for your ministers. Hold up their hands as did Aaron and Hur the hands of Moses."—Ps. 161, 162.

## CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

### The Fight Against Drink

THERE is an intensely interesting time just ahead of every loyal Seventh-Day Adventist. The forces on both sides of the drink question are preparing for war—a war, brethren and sisters, in which no true soldier of Christ wishes to be exempted. Drink is one of the devil's most successful weapons for destroying both the body and the soul of men and women in every country.

Just now the public press is being used freely by the brewers and their agents to spread false information concerning the food value of alcoholic liquors. They are getting bold in the matter, and it is high time that we roused ourselves and gave the people of this country the truth we know so well on this vital question. These food claims for alcohol are playing directly into our hands, for it is in this phase of the question that we can speak with authority. We have little to do with the Prohibition side of the subject, but it is our solemn duty to do all

we can to educate the public on the evils of drink and its effect on both the mind and the body. Our people in America still have a big job on their hands in this direction. Brother Bollman wrote recently in the "Review": "Never in the history of the educational campaign against the use of intoxicants was there more imperative need of vigilance and energy than just now."

Anticipating this issue Dr. Ruble has written a special article in the August number of "Good Health" on the fallacies and dangers of the use of intoxicants, and we earnestly hope that all our churchmembers and canvassers will give this number of the magazine the widest possible circulation.

But to get this article into the hands of the people who need it most we must use tact. We must "catch them with guile" as Paul puts it in 2 Cor. 12:16. The temperance question is not popular; it is not a good selling proposition for a magazine. Realizing this we have produced a specially attractive number, and it will not be necessary to refer to the drink article at all.

TO OUR MISSIONARY LEADERS AND TRACT SOCIETY SECRETARIES.

We look to the missionary leaders and to our secretaries to enlist the help of all the active members of their churches in this matter. Everybody can take six copies, and many can take fifty or more. Much depends on leadership. May we count on you, leaders and secretaries, to encourage your people to make this temperance work the special feature of your church missionary operations for the month of August? Be a real leader in the matter; go before your people with a willingness to take fifty copies yourself and your people will follow. Let us see some of the old-time fire and devotion in this matter, and God will abundantly bless our efforts. "Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it."

Let us hear from every secretary in the Union. We will pay the carriage to any place in the kingdom on an order for a thousand copies of the August number. Who will order one thousand? Make it a matter of prayer, brethren and sisters, and write us at once.

"STEPS TO CHRIST."

The number of editions through which this little book has passed within the short time of its publication has surpassed our most sanguine expectations. It is now only just a little over a year since the shilling edition was first published, and we have sold over a hundred thousand copies. Another edition of twenty thousand copies is being prepared immediately which will make in all 135,000 copies. Surely the Lord is blessing the sale of this excellent little book, and we hope that our brethren and sisters will continue to use it notwithstanding the publication of the new book entitled, "Looking Beyond World Problems."

A few days ago we received an order from India requesting us to send them two thousand copies of "Steps to Christ," and we have no doubt that our other colonies would be glad to use the book in their fields. Wherever it has gone it has received the highest praise. Let us go on to the 200,000 mark, and let us pray, too, that God will abundantly bless it.

We should like to hear from some of our agents and part-time church workers who will try the experiment of selling the two shilling books together; try it, friends, and let us know how the plan succeeds.

WE still have a few copies of the third quarter Sabbath-school lesson pamphlets and we shall be glad to hear from churches which can take them and put them into use.

THE CIRCULATING DEPARTMENT.

### SUNSET CALENDAR.

	LONDON	CARDIFF	EDINBURGH
July 27th	8.57	9.9	9.32
August 3rd	8.47	8.59	9.19